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It is recommended that a Church Contribution be made on the first Lord's Day of eight months of the year, annually, as follows:

1. Foreign Missions, January.
2. Sustentation, March.
3. Publication, May.
4. Church Erection, July.
5. Ministerial Relief, September.
6. Education, October.
7. Home Missions, November.
8. Freedmen, December.

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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

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It is now more than seventy-five years since the General Assembly organized Home Missions into a distinct agency under the name of "*The Standing Committee of Home Missions*"—1802. It has developed an experience and history during these three-quarters of a century. It was the first and hence is the oldest of all the Boards of the Church. Indeed it was the originator or suggestor of all the great agencies for good, as the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the American Bible society. It is the oldest sister, perhaps the mother, of the Assembly's Board of Education, Foreign Missions, Publication, Ereotion, Relief, &c. Nearly all the churches derived their organization and life from the labors of her missionaries, and from the aid granted in their support. The progress of our Church across the Continent, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, has been accomplished by the same instrumentality. Her membership has increased to more than 567,000, her ministry to 5,000, and her churches to 5,269.

During all the three-quarters of a century, under all its various titles of "Standing Committee of Missions," "Board of Missions," "Board of Domestic Missions," or "The Committee of Home Missions," from 1861 to 1870, it has maintained a spotless character for honesty and integrity in fulfilment of its obligations and promises. Within these years it has assisted in supporting some 40,000 missionaries, expending over \$6,000,000; yet in all these vast numbers and amounts not a promise has been broken or penny failed! When the conditions have been met and the rules complied with, no workman has lost his wages! What railway, or bank, or manufactory, or even church, has such a record? What a monument to the morality and religion of the Presbyterian body! What a pyramid of integrity this presents amidst the shifting sands of mere secular institu-

tions! The Board has often been called to pass through wars and "Panics and Pressures," and overwhelming commercial and financial disaster during these eventful seventy-five years, and in spite of them all still survives! There is now a debt, great indeed considering the times, upon her treasury. It amounted on the 1st of January, 1879, to \$90,147.92 (as will be seen by a financial statement made below). This debt causes discouragement and excites profound concern. Only two months, February and March, remain of the fiscal year. The current work requires near \$1,000 per day. Without relief, the Board must carry over a burden of debt to hinder the work of the new year. What shall be done? What will the churches do for the salvation of the dear land which the Lord our God hath given unto us? A friend of the cause proposes to be one of two hundred to raise \$500 each to remove the debt by the last of March, and thus enable the work to grow without interruption. Are there one hundred and ninety-nine more of the same mind? Who will arise and say: Accept, O Lord, the free-will offering of my hands?

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### COMBINATION FOR STRENGTH.

A very widely circulated and influential religious paper publishes in the first number for the present year the following: "The Episcopal Church has entered upon the needful work of combining contiguous churches for self-support. It requires some courage to do this, but it must be done." \* \* \* "Other denominations will be wise to follow this example, and, if we mistake not, real strength will be gained thereby."

This is an equally true and wise policy for Presbyterians as for Episcopalians. There are many neighboring feeble churches which should be compelled into groups for self-support by the Presbyteries. Thus the funds of the Board would be relieved and devoted to places where grouping might be impossible. Their union would prove "real strength," and their separation "real weakness," in the Church at large. "In union there is strength." This is commended to the best practical wisdom of the Congregations and Presbyteries.

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### SUSTENTATION.

The attention of the Ministers, Elders, and Churches is called to the resolutions of the last General Assembly recommending a separate collection for Sustentation, to be taken up on the first Sabbath of March, or as soon thereafter as possible. These resolutions can be found on pages 72 & 116 (Minutes 1878). The balance of the last has been a great help in the "hard times" of this year.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Indebtedness, April 1st, 1878 . . . . .	\$ 8,841.35
Cash paid to Jan. 1st, 1879 . . . . .	195,587.41



Due Missionaries . . . . .	27,000 00
	\$231,428.76
Less Receipts to date . . . . .	141,230.84
Debt January 1st, 1879 . . . . .	\$ 90,147.92

*Ninety thousand dollars* on New Year's Day! This threatens a large balance against the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, March 31st, 1879. A reasonable collection from every church on the roll of the General Assembly, would prevent it. May God give grace to each to try.

GRAND TOWER, ILL., *January 8, 1879.*

*My Dear Sir* :—A real godly old gentleman of this place hands me one hundred and ten dollars and asks me to put it where it will do the most good for the Lord's service. The amount is the result of a vow made to the Lord to appropriate one tenth part of the proceeds of a certain enterprise. He is an aged saint and ripe for heaven, only waiting his Master's orders to come up. In his modesty he wishes me not to mention his name, but when you consider the worldly circumstances of the sender, the gift is munificent, and may the good God add His blessings to gift and giver! Thinking it can do good service in Home Missions I send it to you.

Yours Truly,

J., Jr.

The three following letters from the far North-West tell their own stories of adventure, hard work, sorrow and liberality. The Board needs liberal gifts from the churches and individuals to help these, and other earnest missionaries preach the gospel.

SNOHOMISH CITY, WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The second quarter of my commission which ended with the 30th ult., has been one of ceaseless hard work, under great disadvantages. I have not been able to accumulate enough money to purchase a pony, and in consequence have to travel the trails on foot, or, when the rivers are not too much swollen and too swift, by canoe. Our rainy season began in September, and I have been compelled to foot it ever since through mud and water to reach my Lowell church and other outside appointments. I have preached every Sunday in the quarter except one when I was water bound in a pioneer cabin away up the Snoqualine trail.

I can note no signs of progress at Snohomish City, further than the possible addition to the church of two or three Lutheran and one United Brethren family who have lately come into the bounds of the Church. The rainy weather and dread of diphtheria has reduced our Sabbath-school attendance very much.

At Lowell the Sabbath-school for the same causes is postponed until spring. The prospect at Lowell is very encouraging. It is a church with which I am delighted, Its membership is without exception earnest, devoted, "instant in season and out of season," for every good word and work. At our communion season in this church, the last Sabbath of November, one was received by certificate and three on profession. I am greatly encouraged to believe that there are many more to follow before long.

The people in the neighborhood of Park Place, Sualco, in the forks of the Sky ko nish and Snoqualmie rivers, and at McKay's School House on the latter river desire one or more church organizations. Nine persons sent their petition by me to Presbytery at its September meeting, asking for the organization of the Su-al-co Presbyterian Church, with three preaching points. This is the region in which I have labored so long, and

in which my brother has been laboring of late. Owing to the weather and condition of the rivers, I have been able to visit Falls City and Isiqua Valley but once during the quarter. On my return from this visit I found myself on a lonely part of the trail, cut off by rising water from the possibility of retreat, the Tolt River, a mountain-born tributary of the Snoqualmie in front, bank full and rising.

The choice was left me to stay in the drenching rain without fire all night, or swim and reach the cabin of a Christian settler a mile this side. I had borrowed, for this trip, a small ass, barely high enough to keep my feet off the ground when astride his back. My bridle was a rope tied round his under jaw. I had an old saddle frame with one stirrup, and a loop of bale rope substituted for the other. I took off all my clothes except my hat, rolled them into a bundle and carried them on my left shoulder, holding them in place with my left hand, took my bridle in my teeth, and my club in my right hand; so armed and equipped I plunged across, and chilled through and through, I reclad on the home shore. I rode about two hundred yards and found myself confronted by another deep arm of the river, and had to strip and swim again. The water was only about two hours from the snow line and nearly as cold.

T. W. McCoy.

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WALLA WALLA, W. T.

The money comes at a time when it is much needed. This place is an exceeding expensive one to live in, and I have been obliged--much to my sorrow--to run in debt for necessary articles, and this has caused me very great annoyance and pain, but the check will free the indebtedness, relieve my mind, and help me in my arduous labors. The past week has been one of great sorrow to our little flocks. Diphtheria has taken several of our Lord's ones from us. This morning one week ago a Mr. McKay, who lives nine miles from town, called to say his youngest girl Daisy was very sick, and its mother wished me to go out and baptize the child. Mrs. McKay united with our church, at last communion, on profession of faith. She had a family of six of the handsomest children you ever saw; three boys and three girls; March, Angus, Rob, Annie, Hattie, and Daisy. Daisy was buried on Wednesday, Annie on Thursday, and Hattie on Saturday. When I attended the last funeral Rob was not expected to live, and March and Angus were both sick. On Friday evening, just at sunset, we placed away in their silent graves, sweet and pretty and good Lizzie Dewar, aged twelve, and her little four year old brother Davy.

It was our sad duty this evening to officiate at the funeral of lovely Jennie Cavenon, aged fourteen. Annie, Lizzie and Jennie were the oldest of the little company. Their words on the death-bed shall ever remain sweet to our memory, for their testimony in the dying hour was concerning their bright hopes of life eternal, their faith in Christ, and his power and willingness to save them. Death had no terror for these young girls who received the monster as an angel of mercy. Their young faces wore no fears but were ever wreathed in smiles.

In one short week six have been lost by us to be found by the great Shepherd who has taken them to his upper fold. During the week I have traveled more than one hundred miles in order to converse with the dying, comfort the bereaved, and bury the dead.

Don't forget while sending me checks to send also your prayers and sympathies.

Yours in sorrow,

ROBT. BOYD.

My kindest regards to Drs. Dickson and Kendall.

BOISE CITY, IDAHO.

Through the PRESBYTERIAN RECORD, received yesterday, the first intimation has come to my knowledge of the embarrassment of the Board. No "card" from the Secretaries giving notice of this has been received. Now I am willing to share with the rest of our missionaries in reducing the debt. I have subscribed one hundred dollars towards our new church, now being built. Have made one payment upon this subscription. My necessary expenses are fifty dollars per month, independent of clothing, stationery, traveling, etc. But I will shrink from no sacrifice our Saviour calls upon me to make. In sending remittance for the last quarter please deduct such amount as shall be, in your judgment, a just portion for me to share in this great serious calamity. If the contributing churches require the stimulus of a sacrificing spirit in their missionaries to spur their donations I am willing to add one more to the large company who, beside having left home and lands for the gospel's sake, must now in a strange land be the subjects of denials and *sufferings* because of being deserted by their home lands.

JAMES F. KNOWLES.

### A MINING TOWN EXPERIENCE.

GOLD HILL, NEVADA.

I have now preached for seven months in Gold Hill. Since I last wrote a change has come over our immediate prospects. As you are aware, preaching in a place like this is very much like attempting to preach in a gambling saloon. Every body gambles on stock, and everything seems to depend on whether they are in luck or not. A few months ago everything was going up and every body getting rich and happy. If everything had kept on at that rate we would probably have had a church building by this time. But about a month and a half ago the bubble burst. Stocks that were selling at \$200 a share went down in a day or two to \$35 and \$40. The consequence was that every man, woman, and child, almost, here in Virginia, lost almost all they had, and large numbers who had supposed themselves to be rich, find themselves badly in debt. The consequence is that the character of everything seems completely changed, for the time being. Everything is at a complete stand-still again. I have waited for a month and a half in order to see the effect of it all, and the opinion seems now very general that things will not improve much before spring. The connection of these sudden changes, on any church enterprise, is very close. It renders it absolutely impossible to make any estimate of what would be the needed aid from the Board. A few months ago I would have said that the people here could at least raise half a minister's salary, beside paying rent for a hall. For the last month and a half it has been impossible to raise enough even to pay the hall rent, so that I am already about a hundred and fifty dollars in debt.

### GOOD OUT OF EVIL.

"Even the wrath of man shall praise him."

CHEYENNE, WYOMING TERRITORY.

During the quarter, and near its close I organized a Sabbath-school thirty-one miles from town; a remarkable incident occurred in that district; the day school was taught by a Miss McA., and some dissatisfaction existing, two parties were formed among the scattered inhabitants; one party threatening to burn the school-house down if Miss McA. continued teaching, and the other declared they would burn it down if she did not continue to teach in it. Of course the house was burned down. From

this a quarrel sprang up, and a young McQuaid went to the house of a Mr. Jackson, and in cold blood shot father and son. The Jacksons were buried from our Church. The school-house was rebuilt, and I preached in and organized a Sabbath-school at this new house, which is now in successful operation; we have had some accessions to the church, and as we are now clear of debt, and in tolerable good condition, we hope to make some additional collections.

J. Y. COWHICK.

### COURAGE, HARD WORK, AND SUCCESS.

GRAND ISLAND, NEB.

The Lord has led us safely and pleasantly through another year, and as it closes, we hand you our Third Quarterly Report for the quarter closing with the year. It has been one of unusual labor and interest to me, and in it I am able to record my first attempt to build a house for the Lord; under his guiding and prospering hand a success. We now have a neat, pleasant and comfortable building, which we have been able to give to the Lord *free of debt*. If you have ever tried to build a church on a missionary field, in the face of hard times at home as well as abroad, one Board cutting down your salary, another one your application for aid to build, one subscription failing here, another there; carpenters, masons, painters constantly looking to you for something; not a member of the church whose business will allow him to leave an hour; all these things to meet, beside keeping up your regular preaching appointments, making now and then a missionary tour. If you have ever done this you know whether I have been busy or not. All this God has given me strength to do, and while it has been a busy year, we all feel it has been a profitable and a blessed one. We now have a distinct and individual existence as a church, something we hardly dared to think of before, and when not quite two years ago I came here and found only six names on the church roll, if you had told me we should to-day have a house of worship and a membership of more than sixty, you would have found my faith weak, if not my courage. And my father, it did seem a small chance for so small a *boy* as I, not yet thirty years of age. Surely God chose me in order that no one might say it was I, but that his power might be made manifest as in the case of David and Goliath. "Surely there is no restraint to the Lord to save by few or many." To him be all the praise.

There is a marked interest in our congregation; men who for years have not darkened the doors of any church are now in constant attendance, and speak with no small degree of interest of "Our Church."

We now have reached a point from which we can just begin to work, and as we look at God's blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which have been to usward, we feel like taking courage and going forward, expecting and asking large things of him in the future. Pray for us that we may have an outpouring of his gracious Spirit.

Times are hard, and the members in meeting their subscription for building have been obliged to slight us some, so we are very much behind and are depending on our draft from the Board to help us pay our debts. You know it is the close of the year, everyone wants to close their books, and in this country do not hesitate to dun preachers as well as any other white man, and it is embarrassing to have to defer them "till our draft comes." Oh, that we did not have to go in debt, if we somehow could only get one year ahead, instead of always being that much behind, we, as well as the dear old Board would have a jubilee! "Jehovah Jireh."

J. H. REYNARD.

## HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS IN DECEMBER, 1878.

*Of the following, twelve are Sustentation Pastorates.*

- Rev. C. L. Offer, Carlisle, N. Y.  
 Rev. J. A. Clark, Hillsdale, N. Y.  
 Rev. A. N. Freeman, Siloam, Colorado, N. Y.  
 Rev. P. J. Burnham, Otsego, N. Y.  
 Rev. W. J. Bridges, Green Avenue, N. Y.  
 Rev. W. B. Reeve, West Hampton, N. Y.  
 Rev. S. McKinney, Tuscarora, N. Y.  
 Rev. N. F. Nickerson, Malden, N. Y.  
 Rev. P. A. Schwarz, Paterson, Elm Street, N. J.  
 Rev. J. S. Evans, D. D., Woodside, N. J.  
 Rev. C. W. Winnie, Tuckahoe, N. J.  
 Rev. W. M. Hyde, Glenfield, Pa.  
 Rev. W. J. Gibson, D. D., Duncansville and Martinsburg, Pa.  
 Rev. G. M. Bonner, Harrisburgh, Colored. Pa.  
 Rev. W. Willson, California and Maple Creek, Pa.  
 Rev. S. F. Colt, Laporte, Pa.  
 Rev. J. G. Lyle, Homestead, Pa.  
 Rev. W. R. Sibbet, Lumberport and Sutton, W. Va.  
 Rev. W. A. Hooper, Ellicott City, Md.  
 Rev. E. E. Jones, Broadway, Baltimore, Md.  
 Rev. W. H. Hooke, Laurel, Clay, Knox and Whitley Counties, Ky.  
 Rev. J. B. McDonnall, Cloverport and Plum Creek, Ky.  
 Rev. C. A. Duncan, Jonesboro and Elizabethton, Tenn.  
 Rev. E. P. Adams, Sandy Spring and Rome, Ohio.  
 Rev. G. McDonald, Powhatan, Ohio.  
 Rev. W. Coulter, Union City, Ind.  
 Rev. R. A. Criswell, Grandview and Mackinaw, Ill.  
 Rev. J. H. Marshall, Covenant and Ellington, Ill.  
 Rev. J. D. Howey, Kewanee, Ill.  
 Rev. J. S. Westcott, Jenny, Wis.  
 Rev. J. D. Gehring, Barton, Wis.  
 Rev. J. H. Gujer, Kilbourne City, German, Wis.  
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 Rev. O. H. Elmer, Moorehead, Minn.  
 Rev. E. N. Raymond, Le Roy and Taopi, Minn.  
 Rev. J. Rodgers, Farmington, Vermillion and Empire, Minn.  
 Rev. A. W. Benson, Stewartsville, Minn.  
 Rev. S. F. Drew, Preston, Minn.  
 Rev. T. Burnet, Oronoco, Minn.  
 Rev. G. J. E. Richards, Delmar, Lost Nation and Elwood, Iowa.  
 Rev. D. T. Campbell, Columbus Junction, Iowa.  
 Rev. W. J. Weeber, Northwood, Iowa.  
 Rev. W. T. McAdam, Cherokee, Iowa.  
 Rev. J. W. Hanna, Grundy Centre, Madison and Unity, Iowa.  
 Rev. B. H. Idsinger, East Orange and Hospers, Iowa.  
 Rev. W. C. Hollyday, Hopewell, Iowa.  
 Rev. J. T. Bliss, Montrose, Iowa.  
 Rev. J. B. Welty, Logan and Mo. Valley, Iowa.  
 Rev. J. L. Jones, Villisca, Iowa.  
 Rev. A. W. Haines, Perlee, Pleasant Plains and Salina, Iowa.  
 Rev. F. A. Shearer, D. D., West Liberty, Iowa.  
 Rev. W. E. Hamilton, Kearney and Gibbon, Neb.  
 Rev. S. M. Kier, Tarkio and Mizpah, Mo.  
 Rev. J. H. Byers, Nevada and Prosperity, Mo.  
 Rev. C. P. Blayney, Olive Branch and Austin, Mo.  
 Rev. J. C. Young, Cameron, and Lathrop, Mo.  
 Rev. J. Huston, Albany and Mt. Zion, Mo.  
 Rev. C. P. Graham, Walnut Valley and New Salem, Kan.  
 Rev. A. M. Mann, Belle Plain and Clear Water, Kan.  
 Rev. H. J. Gaylord Ross and Clyde, Kan.  
 Rev. W. H. Penhalligon, Wilson, Kan.  
 Rev. C. H. McCreery, Chetopa and Ripon, Kan.  
 Rev. T. W. Perryman, Wealaka, Ind. Ter.  
 Rev. B. T. McClelland, Brownwood, Coleman City and Muke Water, Texas.  
 Rev. W. B. Riggs, Brenham, Texas.  
 Rev. J. F. Bruner, Terrill and Lawrence, Tex.  
 Rev. W. H. Niles, Stephenville and Bosque, Texas.  
 Rev. W. H. Wilson, Salinas City, Cal.  
 Rev. J. A. Hanna, Yaquino Bay, Oregon.

## RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS IN DECEMBER, 1878.

ALBANY. — *Albany* — Charlton, (Ladies' Soc'y,) 12 44) 24 44; Gloversville, 66 43; Saratoga Springs, 1st, Ladies' Home Mis. Soc'y, 30. *Champlain* — Malone, from Hon. W. A. Wheeler, 500. *Troy* — Cambridge, 33 40; Troy, Liberty Street, 1 25; Troy, Mt. Ida Memorial, 33 33. 693 85  
 ATLANTIC. — *East Florida* — Jacksonville, 1st, 20.  
 BALTIMORE. — *Baltimore* — Ashland, 15; Brown Memorial, Mission Sab-sch, 5 45; Baltimore, Westminster (a member) 5; Emmitsburgh, 30; Franklinville, 4; Hagerstown, Ladies' Soc'y, 5; Havre de Grace, 45; Piney Creek, 10; Toney Town, 40 55. *New Castle* — Dover, 12; Elkton, 19 92; Lower Brandywine, (add'l.) 2 70; Middletown, Forest, 26 75; Port Penn, 20; Wilmington, Central, 100. *Washington* — Hyattsville, 6; Zion German, 5; Rev. T. W. Simpson, 2. 354 37  
 CENTRAL NEW YORK. — *Binghamton* — Binghamton, 1st, 132; Windsor, 13 50. *Otsego* — Gilbertsville, 36 24; Oneonta, 18. *St. Lawrence* — Gouverneur, 115; Heuvelton, 5 25; Morrirstown (Ladies' Soc'y, 4) 8 85; Watertown, 1st, 228 85. *Syracuse* — Cazenovia, 78; Elbridge, 12; Liverpool, 2. *Utica* — New Hartford, 38 36; Oneida, 120; Rome, 50 58; Utica, 1st, (sab-sch. 115 39) 395 11; Utica, Bethany, 118 81; Utica, Westminster, (in part, 112; Verona, 15 40; Williamstown 1. 1500 95

CINCINNATI. — *Chillicothe* — Boomingburgh, 16 21; Chillicothe, 3d, 3; Greenland, 5 70; North Fork, 15 15; Salem, 65 40; Washington, 13. *Cincinnati* — Bethel, 6 41; Cincinnati, 1st, Ger. 18; Cumminsville, 10; Lebanon, 22 13; Mason and Pisgah, 11 81; Pleasant Run, 6; Sharonville, 6 86; Springdale, 35 41; Venice, 20. *Dayton* — Blue Ball, 8; Clifton, 104 40; Dayton, 1st, from Mrs. B. G. Galloway, 10; Fletcher, 4 80; Franklin, 24; Greenville, 6. *Portsmouth* — Portsmouth, 2d, 118 10. 530 48

CLEVELAND. — *Cleveland* — Akron, 10; Cleveland, 1st, Ladies, 100; Cleveland, 2d, 360; Independence, 25; Orwell (monthly concert), 5; Western Reserve College, 6 61; Willoughby, 5; Rev. D. Witter and Wife, 5. *Mahoning* — Deerfield, 13 46; Ellsworth, 36 58; Lowellville, 3 75; Youngstown, 1st, 48 08. *St. Clairsville* — Beulah, 3; Mount Pleasant, 26 12; Rock Hill, 16 25; Wheeling Valley, S. S. 6 55; York, 7. *Steubenville* — Cross Creek, (Ladies' Soc'y, 7.) 10; East Liverpool, 9; New Hagerstown, 11 63; Oak Ridge (Ladies' Soc'y, 6 20) 14; Steubenville, Old, 7. 669 03

COLORADO. — *Colorado* — Georgetown, Ladies' Soc'y, 25; Golden, 12 20. *Montana* — Helena, 25 65. 62 86

COLUMBIA.—*South Oregon*—Corvallis, 10. 16  
 COLUMBUS.—*Columbus*—Circleville, 1st, (in part)  
 10; Midway, 2 20; Mt. Sterling, 2 80. *Marion*—  
 Berlin, 4 61; Mt. Gilead, (Ladies' Soc'y. 25,) 48;  
 York, from Mrs. Andrew McNeil, 1. *Wooster*—  
 Chippewa 6 79; Holmesville 2 47; Perrysville, 19  
 25; Savannah, 17 14. *Zanesville*—Clark, 10; Con-  
 cord, add'l. 5; Norwich, 36; Jefferson, 17. 182 26  
 ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny, 1st, 70 62;  
 Allegheny, Central, 42 11; Allegheny, North,  
 5 00; Allegheny, Providence, Gleaner's Associa-  
 tion, 25; Bakerstown, 6 60; Emsworth, 21 04;  
 Freedom, 4; Sewickley, from S. W. Semple, 50;  
 Neville Island, 3. *Butler*—Pleasant Valley, 7;  
 Westminster, 3 50; Zelenople, Ladies' Soc'y. 8.  
*Clarion*—Brookville, 6 52; Callensburg, 7 40;  
 Perry, 3 75; Pisgah, 10; Worthville, 2. *Erie*—  
 Belle Valley, 4 20; Cochranton, 11 60; Fairfield,  
 20; Mill Village, 4 36; Oil City, 1st, 95 65; Ven-  
 ang, 5; Westminster, Sab-sch. 10. *Kittanning*—  
 Currie's Run, 18; Gilgal, 3; Leechburgh, Lad-  
 ies' Soc'y. 13; Saltsburgh, 59 81; Slate Lick,  
 25 24; West Glade Run, 23 10; Worthington,  
 30 90. *Shenango*—Clarksville, 56 10; Little Bea-  
 ver, 4 25; New Brighton, 55; Pulaski, 7 02; Sha-  
 ron, 24; Sharpsville, 2 65; Slippery Rock, 13.  
 1256 42

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Auburn, 1st, 661 21; Auro-  
 ra, 33; Port Byron, 12; Weedsport, 51 31. *Chem-  
 uning*—Big Flats, 17 20; Burdett, 15; Havana, 7;  
 Horse Heads, 20; Mead's Creek, 2 69; Sugar  
 Hill, 3 80. *Geneva*—Gorham, 25; Ithaca, Sab-  
 sch. ch. 25; Oak's Corner, 13; Ovid, 42 10; Sene-  
 ca Castle, (semi-annual) 13; Trumansburgh,  
 24 15. *Lyons*—Newark, 30 83; Palmyra, 10 of  
 which from C. E. Magor,) 59 76 *Steuben*—  
 Painted Post, 11 50. 1067 55

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Chambersburgh,  
 Falling Spring, (in part.) 100; Dauphin, 25;  
 Fayetteville, Smoketown School House, 1 55;  
 Mechanicsburgh, 33 25; Newport, 12; St.  
 Thomas, 3 26; Robert Kennedy Memorial, 5;  
 Rocky Spring, 4 02; Upper Path Valley, Ladies'  
 Society, 20; Waynesboro, 16 17; Rev. R. M.  
 Cahran, 10; Strasburg Station, 10. *Huntingdon*—  
 Alexandria, (Ladies 14) 84; Altoona, 1st, 57;  
 Altoona, 2d, 51 25; Beulah, 3; Buffalo Run, 1 50;  
 Huntingdon, 37 75; Lewistown, 37; Logan's  
 Valley, 10; Milesburgh, 6 82; Milroy, 33 70;  
 Moshannon and Snow Shoe, 374; Sinking Creek,  
 2 25; Sinking Valley, Ladies' Soc'y. 4; Upper  
 Tuscarora, 19 95. *Northumberland*—Bald  
 and Nittany, 12 13; Berwick 7 70; Bloomsburgh,  
 First, 50 80; Derry, 2; Lewisburgh, 62; Moores-  
 burgh, Ladies' Soc'y. 13; Washingtonville, 3;  
 Williamsport, 2d, 18 75. *Wellsboro*—Wellsboro,  
 (sab-sch 1 47) 17 63. 779 22

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Champaign,  
 39 91; Danville, 60. *Peoria*—Delavan, 5; French  
 Grove, 2; Green Valley, 4; Knoxville, 17 31; Yates  
 City, 5 46. *Schuyler*—Bushnell, 1; Camp Point,  
 7; Clayton, 3; Ebenezer, 16 50; Hamilton, 4 30;  
 Monmouth, 35 50; Wythe, 3 22. *Springfield*—  
 Jacksonville, Westminster, 100; Springfield, 1st,  
 49 37; Springfield, 2d, 52 61. 406 18

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago, 1st, add'l.  
 201; Chicago, 1st Ger. 15; Chicago, 2d, (from  
 Mrs. A. Keep) 8; Chicago, Jefferson Park, 110 30  
 Joliet, 1st, (Ladies, 15) 30; Kankakee, 20 75;  
 Lake Forest, 400. *Freeport*—Freeport, 2d,  
 (in part) 25; Rockford, 1st, 45 06; Warren, 19 25.  
*Ottawa*—Granville, 9; Streator, 8 90; Water-  
 man, 4 31. *Rock River*—Camden, 11 20; Edg-  
 ington, 12; Fulton, 2; Hamlet, 11; North Hen-  
 derson, Ladies' Soc'y. 4 50; Pleasant Ridge, 3.  
 940 27

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Bethel, 6; Jersey-  
 ville, 44 50; Plum Creek, 12 55; Waveland, 2;  
 Yanketown, 4 40. *Cairo*—Centralia, 13 85;  
 Gilead, 2 95; Goleonda, (in part) 10; Mount Ver-  
 non, 2; Richard, 6 55; Sumner, 5; Wabash, 5;  
 Walnut Hill, 5. *Mattoon*—Beekwith Prairie, 5;  
 Charleston, (sab-sch, 1 75) 29 50; Effingham, 4;  
 Shobonier, 5; Vandalia, 16 10. 179 40

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Bethany,  
 13; Newtown, 14 70; Rob Roy, 9 30; Thornstown,  
 15 53. *Fort Wayne*—Auburn, 2; Bluffton, (Ladies'

Soc'y. 12 30) 21 55. *Logansport*—Crown Point,  
 3 50; Lake Prairie, 16 50; La Porte, (sab-sch,  
 135) 278 49; Michigan City, Ladies' Soc'y. 10 44;  
 Plymouth, 1 24; Valparaiso, 9 30. *Muncie*—  
 Hopewell, 3; Noblesville, 31; Tipton, 2 20; Wa-  
 bash, 7 69. 439 44

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Bainbridge,  
 2 20; Carpentersville, 3 10; Columbus, 5; Green-  
 castle, from Alex. McKany, 25 cts. Hopewell,  
 (sab-sch. 6 50) 41 71; Putnamville, 5 52; South-  
 port, 6 64. *New Albany* Jeffersonville, 27 35;  
 Madison, 1st, (sab-sch. 19 65;) 59 11; Madison,  
 2d, (Ladies, 13) 72 33. *Vincennes*—Indiana, 10;  
 Upper Indiana 5; Washington, 36 65; Godfrey  
 School House, 20 cts. Hauck School House, 1 30.  
*White Water*—Brookville, 21 17; Lawrenceburg,  
 10; New Castle, 8 46; Richmond, 20 42; Shelby-  
 ville, 41. 340 41

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Bellevue, Lad-  
 ies' Soc'y. 5 80; Big Grove, 1; Centre Junction,  
 3; Ely, 6 65; Fairfax, 7; Garrison, 4; Linn Grove,  
 8 70; Mechanicsville, 4 91; Springville, 1 47;  
 Wheatland, 10. *Dubuque*—Bethel, 5; Pine  
 Creek, 6 50. *Fort Dodge*—Bethel, 1; Carroll,  
 4; Denison, 6 30; Fort Dodge, 11; Vail, 8 25.  
*Waterloo*—Holland, 8. 105 58

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Afton, 8;  
 Avoca, 4; Brooks, 2; College Springs, 4;  
 Council Bluffs, Ladies' Soc'y. 39 50; Knox, 3;  
 Riverside, 6 65; Shenandoah, 4 25; Walnut,  
 5 50. *Des Moines*—Allerton, 1 84; Indi-  
 anola, 5 50; Leighton, 1 50; Moulton, 4 40; Oliv-  
 et, 1 50; Plymouth, 3 18; Unionville, 1 50; Rev.  
 R. Hahn, 5 10. *Iowa*—Burlington, 1st, 25 40;  
 Middletown, 2 63; Mount Pleasant, 1st, 26 45.  
*Iowa City*—Marengo, (Mrs. D. McDermid, 1 25)  
 6 82. 162 72

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Peabody, 22 50; Quene-  
 mo, 3 60. *Highland*—Blue Rapids, 5; Effingham,  
 4; Lancaster, 4; Mrs. S. N. St. John, 2. *Larned*—  
 Burton, 2 30; Valley Township, 1 85; *Nea-  
 sho*—Ottawa, 8 50; Pleasanton, 5 75; Pleasant  
 Hill, 3 35; Prescott, 3. *Solomon*—Delphos, 4;  
 Glasco, 9; Rubens, 6; White Rock City, 7.  
*Topeka*—Olathe, 3; Topeka, 1st, 74 16. 169 01

KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Ludlow, 5. *Louisville*—  
 Bowling Green, 16 60; Hopkinsville, (from  
 Mrs. Maria H. Kelley, 10; Louisville, College  
 Street, 33 05; New Castle from J. E. Cooper, 5.  
*Transylvania*—Bethel, Union, 7 50; Burkeville,  
 10; Edmondton, 6 75; Paint Lick, 3; Richmond,  
 5; Rev. J. P. McMillan, and wife, 25; Rev. A. E.  
 Spelman, 21. 155 90

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn, Classon  
 Avenue, 2 25 37; Brooklyn, Clinton Street, 115 75;  
 Brooklyn, 1st, E. D. 42 17; Brooklyn, 1st, Henry  
 St (mon. con. col. 24 15) 24 15; Brooklyn, Frank-  
 lin Ave. sab-sch. 25; Brooklyn, Lafayette Ave.  
 37 01; John D. Fish, 30. *Long Island*—East  
 Hampton, 22 45; Moriches, 21; Setauket, sab-  
 sch. 3 06. *Nassau*—East Williamsburgh, (sab-  
 sch. 1 60) 4; Islip, add'l. 1 75; Jamaica, 65 77;  
 Springfield, sab-sch. 10. 1495 58

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Dearborn, 5; Detroit, 1st,  
 2 40; Detroit, Calvary, 2; Detroit, Westminster,  
 60 96; East Nankin, 3; Pontiac, 37 50; South  
 Lyon, from Mrs. Bingham, 2. *Grand Rapids*—  
 Ferry Ministry Fund, 62 50. *Kalamazoo*—Con-  
 stantine, 12; Kalamazoo, 74 88; Kalamazoo,  
 North, 10; Paw Paw, 20. *Lansing*—Homer, 46;  
 Marshall, from M. Heydenburk, 10; Oneida,  
 5 30; Parma, 19 64. *Monroe*—Quincy, 12 56.  
*Saginaw*—Fenton, 11 31; Linden, 5 13. 649 84

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—St. Peter's Union, from  
 Mrs. J. A. Treadwell, 2. *St. Paul*—Minneapolis,  
 1st, 62 41; Minneapolis, Westminster, 113 03;  
 St. Cloud, sab-sch. 2 87; St. Paul, 1st, 1 35 of  
 which from Little Mite Given, 23 27; *Winona*—  
 Frank Hill, 6; Rochester, 20; Winona, Ger.  
 6; Wykoff, 7 03. 242 61

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Austin, 7; Brownington, 3;  
 Butler, 13; Kansas City, 1st, 16 75; Kansas, 3d,  
 17; Osceola, 3; Sharon, 5; Sunny Side, 5; West-  
 field, 7 40. *Ozark*—Granby, 1; Neosho, 7; West-  
 minster, 2. *Platte*—St. Joseph, Westminster,  
 5. 92 15

NEBRASKA.—*Kearney*—N. Platte, 8 50. *Nebraska City*—Simeon, 2; Tecumseh, add'l. 5; Rev. J. Schaedel and wife, 5. *Omaha*—Creston, 1; Madison, 2; Tracy Valley, 1. 24 50

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Basking Ridge, (Franklin sab-sch. 5; Clinton, 1st, (Ladies, 10), 16 28; Elizabeth, Ger. 4; Elizabeth, Westminster, 150; Perth Amboy, 74; Woodbridge, 25. *Monmouth*—Barnegat, 2 32; Cranbury, 1st, from Mrs. Julia M. Jewell, 33 75; Cream Ridge, (in part) 16; Forked River, 1 68. *Morris and Orange*—Madison, 15 39; Mendham, 1st, (A Lady, 10) 15 51; Parsippany, 51. *Newark*—Bloomfield, Westminster, 35; Newark, 2d, 42 15; Newark, Central, 75; Newark, South Park, (monthly concerts) 18 61. *New Brunswick*—Amwell, United, 1st, 15; Dutch Neck, 25; Hamilton Square, 4 60; Kirkpatrick Memorial, 13; Lambertville, (in part) 44 51; Pennington, Female Prayer Meeting, 25; Princeton, 2d, (in part), 77 55; Stockton, 9 50; Trenton, 1st, 873; Trenton, 4th, 100; Trenton, Prospect Street, 27 71. *Newton*—Belvidere, 1st, 26 28; Blairstown, 50; Delaware, 1 50; Harmony, 18 25; Oxford, 2d, Ladies' Soc'y. 13 36. *West Jersey*—Brainerd, 2; Camden, 1st, from Two Ladies, 6; Cedarville, 2d, (sab-sch. 9 90) 14 90; Salem, 52 50; Waterford, 10; Mary G. Olden, 1. 1991 35

NEW YORK.—*Boston*—Bedford, 22 25. *Hudson*—Goshen (Union sab-sch. 7 10) 8 70; Goodwill, 9 13; Mount Hope, 16; Ramapo, 35; Scotchtown, (Ladies 5) 15 90; Unionville, 7. *New York*—New York, Brick, add'l. 600; New York, Brick Ch. Chapel, 105 85; New York, Canal St. 18 38; New York, Church of the Sea and Land, 6 04; New York, Scotch, a member, 1000; New York, Fifth Ave (in part) 3506 47; Immanuel Chapel, 3 71. *North River*—Kingston, 3; South Amenia, 55 52. *Westchester*—Bridgeport, 29 81; Mahopac Falls, 12 50; South Salem, (Ladies 29), 61 55; Yorktown, 26. 5,542 81

PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—Bolinas, 3; Rev. J. Hemp-hill, (a Thank-offering), 5. *San Francisco*—Brooklyn, 17; San Francisco, St. John, 96. *San José*—Visalia, 10. 131 00

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Avondale, 18; Coatesville, 12; Downingtown, Central, 8; Fagg's Manor, (Sab-sch., 26.57), 92 57; Forks of Brandywine, 41; Media, 7 50; New London, from R. P. D., 7 50; Upper Otterara, 17 55; Upper West Nottingham, 10. *Lackawanna*—Canton, (Sab-sch., 5; E. Canton Sab-sch., 2), 35; Carbondale, 27 49; Hawley, 5; Plymouth, 17 50; Scranton, 2d, 79 12; Scranton, Green Ridge Avenue, 10 69; Susquehanna Depot, 8 73; Tunkhannock Sab-sch., 6 90. *Lehigh*—Allentown, 74; Mahanoy City, (Sab-sch., 8 15), 15 36; Reading, 1st, 200 76; South Bethlehem, (Sab-sch., 3), 10; Summit Hill, (Sab-sch., 1 82; Jamestown Sab-sch., 39 cts.), 4 52. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia, 2d, from E. C., 6; Philadelphia, 10th, 775; Philadelphia, Calvary, 879; Philadelphia, Chambers, 29 45; Philadelphia, Woodland, 196 66; Philadelphia, Walnut St., Sab-sch., 76 02; Philadelphia, W. Spruce St., G. S. Benson, Esq., 100. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia, Central, 138 16; Philadelphia, N. Broad St., 105; Philadelphia, Olivet, 47 54; Philadelphia, Ox ord., 133 75. *Philadelphia, North*—Falls of Schuylkill, 22; Newtown (nine Ladies, 15), 84 49; Pottstown, from M. A. G., 6; Springfield, 5. *Westminster*—Bellevue, Ladies' Society, 20), 30; Leacock, 17 54; Slau Ridge, 12; Slateville, (Sylvan Retreat Sab-sch., 3), 5. 3,376 80

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Armagh, 6; Brad-dock's, 24; Greensburgh, from Mrs. Mary Foster, 5; Johnstown, 22; Latrobe (add'l) 26 40; Murraysville, 22; New Alexandria, (Sab-sch., 12 08), 72; New Salem 21; Parnassus, 60 10; Penn, 3 67; Unity, 35. *Pittsburgh*—Bethany, 13 60; Centre, 17 50; Hazlewood, 25; Mingo, 12; Montours, 11 50; Oakdale, 20; Pittsburgh, 2d, 45 43; Pittsburgh, Bellefield, Ladies, 50; Pittsburgh, Shady Side, 28 02; Raccoon (add'l) 5 05; Sharon, 12 98; Wilkinsburgh, 18 66. *Redstone*—Laurel Hill, 12 75; McKeesport, 1st (add'l) 9 13; Mount Pleasant, 24 30; Sewickley, 10; Uniontown, 109 87. *Washington*—Cross Roads, 15 51; Forks of

Wheeling, 140; Lower Ten Mile, 8; Mounds-ville, (Ladies, 10) 15 50; Mount Prospect, 34 35; Pigeon Creek, 27; Upper Buffalo, Sab-sch. 9 84; Washington, 1st, June Rose Buds, 20 40; Wells-burgh, (sab-sch. 11 35) 43 11; West Alexander, Ladies 50. *West Virginia*—Pleasant Flats, 3 60. 1,090 27

TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—Elizabethton, 1 46; Jonesboro, 9 25. *Kingston*—Baker's Creek, 7. Madisonville, 9; Maryville 2d, 3. *New Orleans*—Louiast st., 5. 34 71

TEXAS.—*Austin*—Galveston, German, 5. *North-ern Texas*—Aurora, 2 50; Decatur, 2 50. 10 00  
TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine, 5 78. Buck Creek, 20; Marseilles, 10; Rushsylvania, 4; Urbana, 24. *Huron*—Norwalk, 60 88. *Lima*—Ada, 9 22; Kalida, 4; North Bethel, 5; New Stark, 3 28. *Maumee*—Bryan (Ladies' Society, 5 88), 19 38; South Toledo, 14. 179 54

W. NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Buffalo, Central, 99; Buffalo, North, Sab-sch. 103 49; Sherman, 26; Westfield, 37. *Genesee*—Batavia, 72 10; Bergen, 39 13; Castile, 21; Pembroke and Batavia, 17; Pike, 5; Portageville, 19. *Genesee Valley*—Franklinville (Sab-sch. 1) 12. *Niagara*—Lock-port, 1st, 25; Medina, 100. *Rochester*—Brook-port, 32 59; Nunda, 15; Rochester, 3d, 71 43; Rochester, Brick, (Sab-sch. 150), 250; Rochester, Memorial, 9; Fowlerville, 11 40. 965 14

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—La Crosse, North, from W. R. F. 5; *Milwaukee*—Beloit, 1st, 13 71; Brod-head, 12 05; Milwaukee, Calvary, 31 01; Pike Grove, 20 22; Stone Bank, 5 35; Waukesha (Sab-sch. 21 25), 37 75. *Winnebago*—De Pere, 12. *Wisconsin River*—Hurricane, 2; Lodi, 25; Madison, 35 26; Reedsburgh, 10; Rockville, 30 04. 212 35  
From the Ladies' Home and Foreign Mis-sionary Society of Brooklyn. 100 00

Total received from churches \$26 164 55

LEGACIES.

Legacy of John Richey, dec'd, late of Greensburgh, Pa. (in part), 2000; Legacy of Mrs. Lucina Parsons, dec'd, late of Gouverneur, N. Y., 200 (in part); Legacy of Hannah Hodgman, dec'd, formerly of Stillwater, N. Y., 500; Es-tate of Mrs. M. S. Donaldson, dec'd, late of Elder's Ridge, Pa., 5; Legacy of Amos Smith, dec'd, late of Inde-pendence, Ohio, 43 33 (add'l); Estate of Miss Martha Parks, dec'd, late of Pa., 100. \$2848 33  
Less expenses in Sundry Will Cases. \$250 00

\$2 598 33

MISCELLANEOUS.

Larger Cross Roads Sab-sch. N. J., 5 25; Mrs. E. A. Ralvea, New Sharon, Ia., 5; Cash, 10; "R. B. M.," 1; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Winn, Davenport, Iowa, 25; Leroy and Bergen, 2d Congregational Church, N. Y., 8; Honeoye Congrega-tional Church, N. Y., 25; "W. H.," 5; "Home Missions, Louisville, Ky.," per Herald and Presbyter, 2; "I. J.," 10; Mr. A. H. Donaldson's Little daughters, 5; Rev. W. E. Honeyman, Napa City, California, 5; Rev. E. Taylor, Eden, N. Y., 5; Mrs. E. Taylor, Eden, N. Y., 3; Rev. J. A. Carruthers, Dexter, Iowa, 10; "M. E. H.," 8; "L. W. B.," 10; "Cash per F. A. C. Goshen, N. Y.," 500; "A Thank-Offe-ring from Mrs. Mary C. Riggs, Beaver Falls, Pa., 20; "Friends, N. H.," 600; "A Friend," 1; Mrs. N. Choate and daughter, East Derry, N. H., 66 45; Society of Inquiry of Union Theo-logical Seminary, 8 26; "A Friend," 25; Sarah G. Coffey, Pittsburgh, Pa., 7; Mrs. M. B. Pollock, 1; J. C. Hening, Stillwater, Minn., 4; Mrs. Mary Stock-dale, Washington C. H., Ohio, 70; "A Friend," 5; "From a friend," 50 cts.; J. B. Davidson, Newville, Pa., 5; Rev.

J. L. Wilson, Hopkinton, Iowa, 2; Two Ladies, Independence, Mo., 2; "I," 1; Dr. W. N. Blakeman, N. Y. City, 100; Mrs. Isabella H. Penfield, Franklin, N. Y., 3; Little Nellie Edwards, Danville, Ky., 1; Rev. T. S. Childs, D.D., Hartford, Conn., 25; Mrs. E. C. Hungerford, Chester, Conn., 2; Mrs. M. B. Cleland, Topeka, Kansas, 5; Religious Contribution Society of Princeton Theological Seminary, 36 13; "Three Ladies," 6 25; "Brainerd per Herald and Presbyterian," 5; Mrs. Ellen L. and Miss Charlotte R. Welles, Kingston, Pa., 10; Miss Lizzie Smith, Philadelphia, Pa., 5; Rev. Joseph Platt and wife, 10; Abbie Voris, Shellsburg, Iowa, 2; "A Friend, a Christmas Gift," 5; D. O. Calkins, 2; L. C. Calkins, 1; J. C. Calkins, 1; Mrs. M. Wade, Perry, Kansas, 2; "Watertown," 10; "Annie and Bessie," 2; "Little Mary," 1; "L. M. W.," 1; "Oskala," 1; Mrs. and Miss S. Erie, Pa., 15; "K. A. K.," 2 50; "Teacher," 2; "Mary," 1; "M. A. R.," Bedford, Pa., 3; Mrs. "E. W.," Harrisburg, Pa., 50; "M. E. M.," 1 50; J. H. Muncy, Pa., 1; "From a deceased friend of Missions," Port Royal, Pa., through Presbyterian, 10; Col. E. B. Babbitt, United States Army, 40; "H. I. I.," 5. Interest on Legacy of Chas. Wright, dec'd, late of East Canton, Pa., 18 05.

\$1845 89

Total in December, 1878.....\$30 608 77

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Legacy of Mrs. M. S. Donaldson, dec'd, of Elders Ridge, Pa., 300.

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## RECEIPTS FOR SUSTENTATION IN DECEMBER, 1878.

BALTIMORE—Baltimore—New Castle—Elkton, 3 33.  
CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Binghamton — Binghamton 1st, 38 49. Otsego.—Cooperstown, 17 45.  
St. Lawrence—Watertown, 31 62. 87 56.  
CLEVELAND.—Mahoning—Poland, 6 32. 6 32  
COLUMBUS—Zanesville—Granville, Sab-sch. 8 85.  
ERIE—Erie—Westminster, 7 50. 7 50  
GENEVA—Cayuga—Aurora, 9 90. Lyons—Newark, 2 85. 12 75  
HARRISBURGH—Carlisle—Waynesboro, 4 02.  
Huntingdon—Altoona, 2d, 30 15; Lewistown, 9 18; Lower Spruce Creek, 11. Northumberland—Williamsport 2d, 2. Wellsboro—Wellsboro, (Sab-sch. 37 cts.), 4 38. 60 73  
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL—Schuyler—Bushnell, 2. 2 00  
ILLINOIS, NORTH—Rock River—Perryton, 1. 1 00  
ILLINOIS, SOUTH—Alton—Plum Creek, 3 65. 3 65  
INDIANA NORTH.—Logansport—Plymouth, 31 cts; South Bend, 8 11. 8 42  
INDIANA, SOUTH—Vincennes—Terre Haute, 2d, 5 15. 5 15  
IOWA, SOUTH.—Council Bluffs—Afton, 6. Iowa—Burlington, 6 30; Middletown, 65 cts. 12 95  
LONG ISLAND—Long Island—Mattituck, 5. 5 00  
MICHIGAN—Detroit—Dearborn, 4; Detroit, Westminster, 12 63; East Nankin, 3. 19 63  
NEW JERSEY—Elizabeth—Clinton, 1 56; Woodbridge, 10. Morris and Orange—Madison, 3 81; Orange, Ger. 2. Newark—Newark, Central, 61. New Brunswick—Stockton, 3; Trenton, 4th, 30 75. Newton—Belvidere, 1st, 5 41. West Jersey—Williamstown, 5. 122 53  
NEW YORK.—Hudson—Goodwill, 2 26; Ramapo, 14; Scotchtown, 2 70; Unionville, 1. New York—Brick, 245 02; Sea and Land, 1 50. 266 48

CLOTHING.—1 Box from Ladies of Allegheny Central Ch., Pa., 160; 1 Box from Ladies' Home Missionary Society, of Albany, N. Y., 200; 1 Box from the Ladies' of Uniontown, Ch. Pa., 100; 1 Box from the Ladies' Aid Society of Brainard Ch. Easton, Pa., 300; 1 Box from the Ladies of Norwalk, Ohio, —; 1 Box from the Ladies' Christian Association of Huntington, N. Y., —; 1 Box from the Ladies of Horse Heads Ch., N. Y., 60; 1 Box from Wilmington, Hanover St. ch. Del., 100; 1 Box from the Ladies of St. Louis, 2d, Ch. Mo., 200; 1 Box from the Ladies of Stamford Ch., 438; 1 Box from the Mission. Band of Rennselserville Ch., N. Y., 6; 1 Box from the Young Ladies of Phila. Walnut St. Ch., Pa., 280; 1 Box from the Ladies of Burlington Ch., N. J., 240; 1 Box from the Ladies of Madison, Wis., 75; 1 Box from the Women's Home Missionary Society of Wenoah Ch., N. J., 30; 1 Box from the Ladies' Missionary Society of Mt. Washington Ch., N. Y. City, 114 29; 1 Box from the Ladies' Home Missionary Socy. of Wooster, 1st Ch., O., 51 75; 1 Box from Chillicothe, 1st Ch., O., 132 50; 1 Box from the Ladies of Mendham, 1st Ch., N. J., 72; 2 Boxes from the Ladies of Malone Ch., N. J., 134 61; 1 Box from the Ladies' Home Missionary Socy. of Phila. Woodland Ch., Pa., 240; 1 Box from the Ladies of Franklin Ch., Pa., 74 26; 1 Box from the Ladies' Home Missionary Society of Dayton, 1st Ch., O., 75; 1 Box from the Ladies of Knoxville Ch., Ill., 45 69; 2 Boxes from the Ladies of Cooperstown Ch., N. Y., 250 07; 1 Box from the Women's Home Missionary Society of Huntingdon Ch., Pa., 64; 1 Box from the Ladies of Warsaw Ch., N. Y., 97 59; 1 Box from the Ladies of Greenville Ch., Ohio., 75; 1 Box from the Ladies' Missionary Society of Shelbyville Ch., Ky., 40; 1 Box from the Ladies of Delphos Ch., Ohio, 23; 1 Box from the Ladies of Falls Ch., Va. 18; 1 Box from the Ladies of Peekskill, 1st Ch., N. Y., 209.

PACIFIC—San Francisco—San Francisco Calvary, 88. 88 00

PHILADELPHIA.—Chester—Faggs Manor, 9 65; New London, from R. P. D. 1 50. Lehigh—Allentown, 18 50; Mahanoy City, 6 17; Summit Hill, (Summit Hill Sab-sch. 44 cts. Jamestown Sab-sch. 9 cts.), 1 10. Philadelphia, Central—North Broad Street, 15. Philadelphia, North—Norristown, Central, 12. Westminster—York, 175 86. 239 78.

PITTSBURGH.—Blairsville—Johnstown, 9. Pittsburgh—Bethany, 15 40; Pittsburgh, 2d, 9 09. Shady Side, 14 02. Redstone—Rehoboth, 9 10. 56 61

WESTERN NEW YORK—Buffalo—Westfield, 3 70; Rochester, Rochester Memorial, 1. 4 70

Total received from the churches...\$1022 94

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Religious Contribution Society of Princeton Theological Seminary, 8 67. 8 67  
\$1031 61

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THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST

THAT HE WOULD SEND FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Luke x. 2.

## PROSPECTS FOR THE MINISTRY IN OUR COLLEGES.

Since it is one object of the Board of Education to keep the church informed of the general promise for the ministry in its future developments, we have taken pains to get information on the subject from all our collegiate institutions. As the result we have to say that the letters received pretty generally agree in asserting that there is a marked falling off in the number of candidates through all the classes. From Princeton we learn that "it is certain the proportion of our college students there looking to the ministry has decreased of late, while the proportion of professors of religion has decreased very little if at all." The reasons assigned for this diminution so "noteworthy, as the great lack of opportunities for young men in secular callings since 1873 would naturally tend to throw increasing numbers into the ministry," are as follows: 1. "Exactions made in order to success very different from those in the past." 2. "The meagre support provided in vast numbers of our older rural agricultural but declining congregations," and also in "the new congregations of the west." "They all want what they cannot get, much less keep, ministers who will *draw*."

From Western Reserve College, we learn that "the number of candidates here has diminished very much." "The fact is the talk about 'too many ministers' and 'vagabond ministers,' has had a tremendous effect on young men. Also the disinclination of churches to contribute to the Board, followed by non-payment of appropriations has been a discouragement which, if it continues, will stop all supply of candidates soon." "Our Presbytery has fewer candidates than it has had for a long time." But while "there has been a falling off in numbers," there has been "an improvement on the whole, especially in moral and religious character."

From Marietta we learn that for the "last six years there has been a steady decline, the present number not being more than one-half the average number for the last ten years." From Washington and Jefferson College we learn: "Our best men in point of intellectual ability here have entered the ministry." "Out of the last nine classes seven have sent their honor men to the Theological Seminary, and of the seven, six received aid. The talk about there being too many ministers has diverted

some of our better men from the sacred office. They say we can do good service for the Master elsewhere, and if the ministry is supplied we will go to some other fields. Many of them when they are out of college a short time get to see the foolishness of the ——'s cry, and so go to the Theological Seminary." From Lafayette College we learn: "Our highest number of candidates under the care of the Board was in 1874 when we had 29; since then the number has been steadily diminishing, until now we have only 11. Among these have been some of our best men." From "the records" it appears "that the average scholarship has steadily risen." "From tables prepared by Prof. Coffin it is found that from 1866 to 1873, 15 per cent. of our students had the ministry in view; for the last four years only 11 per cent." By way of explanation for the diminution, two reasons are assigned: (1.) Presbyteries are more careful in admitting candidates; (2.) The ministry is not so attractive as formerly. "But," it is added, "we need more ministers called of God, and our constant prayer is for these." From Wabash College, after some details, the result is thus given: "In the college classes about one in five is seeking the ministry. This is a considerable decrease from former years." But this "decrease in numbers is not so marked as to cause uneasiness, except as the decrease in ratio grows worse as we descend to the Freshmen. The conversions in college for a year or two past have been infrequent as compared with former years. The college is not very unlike the church constituency it represents. The tone of piety needs the bracing power of a genuine revival." From Wooster we are informed that "there is not any change in the numbers or character of the students for the ministry during the last several years. There is a falling off comparatively in students of the first class by reason of the attraction of other fields."

One or two colleges are yet to be heard from. But we presume that the accounts which would be given would not vary much in tenor from those cited above. There is a marked uniformity in them all, and the testimony is such as must challenge attention. No comments of ours can add to its force. It is very plain that the supply of the ministry needs attention, and from whom ought this attention to be had but from our ministers and churches who are most deeply interested in securing the essential conditions of the church's increase? Is it not time for us to stop complaining about evils, and to go diligently to work to redress the evils and strive unitedly to render the ministry what it ought to be—a power in the land for good—a power of which there can not be too much—a power which shall make itself so needful to the welfare and prosperity of communities as to win adequate support, and make the people willing to part with anything rather than it? Such a thing is possible. Why may it not be an attainment? "Like people, like priest," is no less true than "Like priest, like people." The ministry is the product of the church, and will be very much what the church makes it. If it fails either in numbers or quality, may not this be regarded as the legitimate result and penalty of a sinful

neglect of prayer and attention and interest in its behalf, and should it not touch the conscience of all? Let these facts stimulate prayer in the ensuing day of prayer for colleges and seminaries. The whole matter is one which the church should lay closely to heart.

#### NOTEWORTHY SUGGESTIONS FROM A COLLEGE PROFESSOR.

It is unquestionably true, that most who are now studying for the ministry need aid; all they crave, and more if they could get it. And yet, permit me to suggest, that two things are needed: 1. That more than now we should find some way of helping those only who have already given some decided evidence, not only that they need helping, but are worth helping.

2. That somehow, pious and promising young men who can prepare themselves without much, if any aid, should, to a greater extent, now as formerly, "desire the office of bishop," and work their way into it. And I feel less anxiety to increase the *number* than the *quality* of the ministry. The rivalry of seminaries does not help to this result, especially if theological professors procure support for *weak* and poor young brethren through college on condition that they will go to their seminary after graduation.

Does not this put the ministry at a discount in the eyes of high-toned young men? I am not writing at random, nor about anything in the state of—but I must *stop*.

#### SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR CANDIDATES.

For the information of many helpers in the cause of Ministerial Education, we publish the following resolution or rule adopted by the General Assembly in 1876.

"When any church contributes money for any candidate for the ministry specially named, the Board of Education shall credit such church with the amount, to be marked *special*, as is done by the Board of Church Erection; provided such candidates so aided shall be under the care of the Board, and the amount so contributed pass through the treasury of the Board."

Two advantages follow upon compliance with this provision by all who are aiding students directly, whether as churches or individuals. One is that all the sums thus given to students obtain full credit in the reports of the Board. The other is, that the students thus aided come under the rules of the Board, and obtain recognition as sons of the church, whom she has trained for her ministry. Thus the whole work done by the church in this direction would be unified and simplified, and every opportunity be given for bestowing such special aids over and above what the rule of the Board allows, as particular students may require or peculiar interest in them may elicit from friends. We earnestly commend these considerations to the

many churches and individuals who, while wishing to assist in the general cause, are restrained from acting through the Board by the supposition that its appropriations were rigidly limited to specific sums.

### RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION IN DECEMBER, 1878.

ALBANY.— <i>Albany</i> —Albany, 2d, 2 17; Galway, 4 50; West Galway, 3 21. <i>Troy</i> —Cohoes, 10; Salem, 25; Sand Lake, 8 27. 267 98	MICHIGAN— <i>Detroit</i> —Detroit, Westminster, 14 20. <i>Kalamazoo</i> —Paw Paw, 6. <i>Muncie</i> —Quincy, 9 28; Tecumseh, 13 20. 42 68
BALTIMORE.— <i>Baltimore</i> —Baltimore, 2d, 29 20; Emmittsburg, 25. <i>New Castle</i> —Lower Brandywine, 6 52. 67 72	MINNESOTA.— <i>Winona</i> —Fremont, 4 33
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Binghamton</i> —Binghamton, 1st, 38 50. <i>St Lawrence</i> —Morristown, 3 01. <i>Syracuse</i> —Liverpool, 3 04; Syracuse, 1st, 32 47. <i>Utica</i> —New Hartford, 8 31; Rome, 11 80. 97 13	NEBRASKA.— <i>Nebraska City</i> —Lincoln, 12 12
CINCINNATI— <i>Chillicothe</i> —Chillicothe, 3d, 13. <i>Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati, 3d, 30; Glendale, 29 87; Harrison, 5; Loveland, 6 22; Somerset, 3 27. <i>Dayton</i> —Blue Ball, 3 25; Hamilton, balance, 1. <i>Portsmouth</i> —Portsmouth 2d, 32 65. 114 26	NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Clinton, 1st, 1 78; Elizabeth, 1st, 107 84; Elizabeth, Westminster, 50; Plainfield, 2d, 57. <i>Jersey City</i> —Rutherford 10. <i>Monmouth</i> —Manchester, 5; Shamong, 2 35. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —Fairmount, 13; Madison, 4 30. <i>Newark</i> —Newark, 2d, 17. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Princeton, 2d, 28 77; Stockton, 4. <i>Newton</i> —Belvidere, 1st, 6 39. 307 43
CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Cleveland, 1st, 150. <i>Mahoning</i> —Brookfield, 7 60; Vienna, 8. <i>St. Clairsville</i> —Bell Air, 1; Buchanan, 1 35; Coal Brook, 2 06. <i>Steubenville</i> —East Liverpool, 15. 185 01	NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Goodwill, 2 54; Hope-well, 14 20; Ramapo, 17; Scotchtown, 3 05. <i>New York</i> —New York, Canal Street, 10; New York, Ch. of the Sea and Land, 1 68; New York, Fourth Avenue, 19 51. <i>North River</i> —Freedom Plains, 7 60. <i>Westchester</i> —Mahopac Falls, 20; Thompsonville, 7 56. 103 14
COLORADO.— <i>Colorado</i> —Golden 4 05. 4 05	PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Chester</i> —New London, 2 50. <i>Lehigh</i> —Allentown, 20 60; Ashland, 2 50; Hazle-ton, 20 36; Summit Hill, 65 cts, Sab-sch. 50 cts. 1 15; Jamestown, Sab-sch. 11 cts. <i>Philadelphia</i> —G. S. Benson, Esq. of W. Spruce Street, 50. <i>Philadelphia, Central</i> —Philadelphia, Central "J. S." 10; Philadelphia, North Broad Street, 40; Philadelphia, Olivet, 30 14. <i>Philadelphia North</i> —Norristown, Central, 12. <i>Westminster</i> —Columbia, 9 70; Hopewell, 8 23; Monaghan, 2 94. 210 28
COLUMBIA.— <i>Oregon</i> —Pleasant Grove, 5. 5 00	PITTSBURGH.— <i>Blairsville</i> —Ligonier, 7; Pleasant Grove, 7. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —Bloomfield, 2 75; Pittsburgh, 2d, 10 60; Pittsburgh, Shady Side, 14 01; Sharon, 5 78. <i>Redstone</i> —George's Creek, 5; Long Run, 29 25. <i>Washington</i> —Claysville, 21; Waynesburg, 7 30. <i>West Virginia</i> —French Creek, 7 50. 117 19
COLUMBUS.— <i>Columbus</i> —Grove City, 2 50; Litho-polis, 2; Reynoldsburgh, 2 50. <i>Marion</i> —Berlin, 3 23; Mt. Gilead, 25 45. <i>Zanesville</i> —Concord, 4; Dresden, 12 85; Granville, Sab-sch. 9; Musking-um, 9, Sab-sch 4, 13; Frazeysburg, 2; Rev. John Tenny, 10. 86 53	TENNESSEE.— <i>Holston</i> —Salem, 4 37. 4 37
ERIE.— <i>Allegheny</i> —Allegheny, Central, 12 44; Sharpsburgh, 20; Neville Island, 3. <i>Butler</i> —Concord, 13 69; Mount Nebo, 3 24; North Butler, 4 10; Westminster, 4; Zelenople, 3 63. <i>Clarion</i> —Leatherwood, 10; New Bethlehem, 5. <i>Erie</i> —Franklin, 25; Union, 2 38; Wattsburgh, 3 75. <i>Kittanning</i> —Boiling Spring, 5; Giral, 3; Jack-sonville, 15; Rural Valley, 4. <i>Shenango</i> —N-w Castle, 2d, 18; Sharpville, 3 20. 158 43	TOLEDO.— <i>Bellevue</i> —Bellevue, 1 62; Rushsylvania, 5. <i>Lima</i> —Ada, 2 75. 9 37
GENEA.— <i>Cayuga</i> —Weedsport, 13 26. <i>Che-mung</i> —Big Flats, 9. <i>Lyons</i> —Junius, 4. 26 26	WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Buffalo</i> —Buffalo, Central, 21; Westfield, 27 75. <i>Genesee</i> —Oakfield, 4. <i>Niagara</i> —Medina, 7 32. <i>Rochester</i> —Dansville, 3 51; Livonia, 10 40; Rochester, Memorial, 1; Rochester, Westminster, 4. 78 98
HARRISBURGH.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Harrisburgh, 7th street, 5; Waynesboro. 4 52. <i>Huntingdon</i> —Altoona, 2d, 13 56; Beulah, 2; Lewistown, 10 31; Petersburg, 275. <i>Northumberland</i> —Brier Creek, 2 50; Buffalo, 12; Williamsport, 2d, 5 86. <i>Wells-boro</i> —Wellsboro, 4 52; Sab-sch. 42 cts. 4 94. 63 44	WISCONSIN.— <i>Chippewa</i> —Neshannoc, 4. <i>Milwa-kee</i> —Waukesha, 10. <i>Wisconsin River</i> —Liberty, 2 12; Marion, 2 11. 18 23
ILLINOIS CENTRAL.— <i>Bloomington</i> —Gibson, 4 80; Lexington, 6 08. <i>Peoria</i> —Peoria, Grace, 4 35. <i>Schuyler</i> —Bushnell, 2. <i>Springfield</i> —Springfield, 1st, 79 87. 97 10	Total receipt from churches..... \$2297 65
ILLINOIS NORTH.— <i>Freeport</i> —Rockford, 1st, 30; Woodstock, add'l 7 53. <i>Ottawa</i> —Au Sable Grove, 5 60; Plato 1st, 3. <i>Rock River</i> —Fulton, 2; Perryton, 1. 49 13	Interest on Permanent Funds..... \$898 50
ILLINOIS SOUTH.— <i>Alton</i> —Carlville, 5 25; Waveland, 2 25. 7 50	REFUNDED.
INDIANA NORTH.— <i>Fort Wayne</i> —Auburn, 2 50. <i>Logansport</i> —Plymouth, 36 cts. <i>Muncie</i> —Wa-bash, 1 72. 4 58	"H. S. B.".....\$10 00
INDIANA, SOUTH.— <i>Indianapolis</i> —New Pisgah, 1 20. <i>Vincennes</i> —Terre Haute, 2d, 7 25; Wash-ington, balance, 25 cts. 8 70	MISCELLANEOUS.
IOWA NORTH.— <i>Cedar Rapids</i> —Marion, 9 12. <i>Dubuque</i> —Bethel, 4; Dubuque, German, 8; Independence, 1st, 6 22. 27 34	Rev. Geo. W. Coan, D. D. 10; O. M. Dou-glass, Ind. 4; A Friend, N. Y. 25; Rev. J. L. Wilson, Ia. 2; Col. E. B. Babbitt, U. S. A. 10; Religious Contribution Society, Princeton Seminary, 10 11. 61 11
IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Council Bluffs</i> —Afton, 3. <i>Des Moines</i> —Dexter, 3; Moulton, 3. <i>Iowa</i> —Burling-ton, 1st, 7 08; Middleton, 74 cts. Mount Plea-sant, 1st, 26 65. <i>Iowa City</i> —Red Oak, 3 50. 46 97	E. G. WOODWARD, Treasurer,
KANSAS.— <i>Austin</i> —Brenham, 1 90. <i>Larned</i> —Hutchinson, 5. <i>Neosho</i> —Fort Scott, 11. 17 90	1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.
KENTUCKY.— <i>Louisville</i> —Bowling Green, 3; Louisville, 4th, 41. 44 00	Reports and correspondence relating to the general business of the Board, address to
LONG ISLAND.— <i>Brooklyn</i> —New Brighton, Calvary, 16 50. 16 50	Rev. D. W. Poor, D. D.
	Corresponding Secretary.

## BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

## RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE OF MISSIONARIES. John G. Kerr, M. D., for many years connected with the Canton Mission, China, and Superintendent of the Hospital in that city, returned to this country with his family for purposes of their health and education. He has been engaged for the last year in the Chinese work of the Board in San Francisco. On the 16th of December he embarked again for Canton, under re-appointment, leaving his family in this country. This trial of separation is one deeply felt, but grace to support it is given. The Rev. M. N. Hutchinson of the city of Mexico, is in this country on a temporary visit. The Rev. J. L. Potter and his wife have arrived at their station, Teheran, and Dr. and Mrs. J. Cochran, at Tabriz, Persia.

ADDED TO THE CHURCH. The Rev. H. Blatchford, native minister, reports eleven communicants received during the year by the Chippewa Indian Church at Odanah, Wisconsin. Twenty-nine new members were received by churches in Yedo and vicinity, Japan, most of them referred to in the next paragraph. Four new members were received at Petchaburi, Siam, making nine in the year. Three new converts were received at Hasbeyah and one at Mijdal, near Sidon, and two at Tripoli, Syria. Six new members were added to the church of Benita, Africa. Five new members were admitted to the church of Valparaiso, Chili. Two new converts were baptized at Moral, near Zacatecas, Mexico.

NEW CHURCHES IN JAPAN. A church was organized in Kiriu, seventy miles north-west of Yedo, consisting of nineteen members, nine of whom were new converts. A church was also organized in Sakura, thirty miles east of Yedo, with ten members on the roll. A new chapel was dedicated at Hogo, Yedo, when eight adults and three children were baptized—a time of great interest. Mr. Green writes that the establishment of the new churches is due almost entirely to the labors of the native ministers and helpers.

A JAPANESE MISSIONARY TO COREA. The Japanese churches connected with the missions of the Reformed Dutch, the Scotch United Presbyterian, and our own Church, purpose to send a missionary to Corea, a country not yet reached by Christian effort. Their plans are not fully settled, but it is hoped they will succeed.

A NEW MISSIONARY is called for by the Presbytery of Siam, to be engaged in work for the Chinese. Large numbers of this people are found in Siam. They intermarry freely with the native women, and they will no doubt mostly remain in that country, where their influence is already great and is increasing. Missionary work for them and for the China-

Siamese would be closely and advantageously connected with our work for the Siamese proper. "Who will go for us?"

PERSECUTION CEASED at Chiengmai, Laos. We are glad to learn that the native rulers, who lately gave trouble to native converts, appear to have changed their ground. They now show friendly attentions to the missionaries.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO JANUARY 13th. From the Seneca Mission, December 31st; Chippewa, January 6th; Omaha, December 13th; Eufaula, January 6th; Seminole, December 10th; Nez Perce, December 19th; San Francisco, December 30th; Oakland, December 4th; Yedo, November 25th; Tungchow, November 25th; Chefoo, October 7th; Shanghai, November 15th; Canton, November 11th; Bangkok, November 15th; Petchaburi, October 25th; Chiengmai, September 21st; Lodianna, November 6th; Lahor, December 5th; Kolapore, November 30th; Teheran, November 28th; Tabriz, November 22d; Beirut, December 4th; Tripoli, December 3d; Sidon, November 26th; Monrovia, November 20th; Gaboon, November 1st; Kangwe, November 1st; Valparaiso, November 23d; Talca, November 26th; Bogota, November 18th; Merida, December 2d; San Louis Potosi, November 18th; Zacatecas, November 28th; Monterey, December 19th.

*Receipts: May—December.*

	From Churches.	Individual Donors.	Legacies.	Total.
1878.	\$87,681.	\$12,454.	\$34,415.	\$134,552.
1877.	97,292.	20,655.	21,938.	139,886.

*Less* from the churches, \$9,610. *Less* from Individual Donors, \$8,200. On these two sources is the main dependence of the Mission Treasury. It is with much concern, therefore, we have to report, in the first eight months of the financial year, smaller receipts than in the same months of last year, by the sum of \$17,810. The four months from January 1st will close the year, as we trust, with much larger income. That there is time enough, means enough, and grace enough, for this increase may well be believed.

VARIOUS.

CLERKS. The number of clerks employed in a Mission House depends on the theory adopted. If the secretaries are to be mostly in the field, clerks must be employed for their correspondence. Small saving of expense is thereby secured, however, the salaries of first class clerks being large. But the far greater part of the correspondence, especially with the missions, can no more be conducted by clerks than ministers can write their sermons by clerks; or the members of a household, their family letter writing.

BOOKS AND NEWSPAPERS. Usually a small sum of money has been annually expended in buying books for reference in the Mission House. By such purchases, and the gifts of books by friends, and the binding of periodicals, the library has gradually grown until it now contains over

5,000 volumes,—an invaluable collection. This shows that this matter has not been neglected heretofore. Of late, owing to “the times,” the outlay for books has been for the most part wisely suspended. As to missionary periodicals however, none have been discontinued; all in English, both American and European, are regularly received. Of newspapers, except by exchange, none are taken. Reading-rooms in the city for both American and foreign newspapers are at any time accessible.

**FREE CIRCULATION OF MISSIONARY PERIODICALS.** To a limited extent the *Record* and the *Foreign Missionary* are sent free of charge. This usage applies chiefly to the pastors of churches; in other cases, to donors of a certain amount. It is not open to reasonable criticism so far as such donors are concerned, for their gifts are made with this arrangement in view. And so far as ministers are concerned, the usage was at first intended largely to supply the information, appeals, &c., previously given by collecting agents, these being happily dispensed with by the Board twenty-five years ago. This usage is still an efficient and inexpensive way of furnishing missionary intelligence to our ministers, in aid of their influence with their congregations for this cause. As to the principle involved, we see little difference between sending out these publications without charge, and sending out *Annual Reports* in the same way. Nevertheless, payment for periodicals is always welcomed.

#### OTHER MISSIONS IN OUR FIELDS.

We were lately asked, Are there other Missionaries in Syria besides those of our Church? The question referred to ordained missionaries sent from Christian countries, and it suggests a more general reply than was given to it—a reply relating to the brethren of other branches of the Christian Church, who occupy the same fields in which our missionaries are at work. No attempt need here be made to give full statistics, nor is the list of missionary organizations probably complete, but the following returns may be enumerated. Beginning then with—

**SYRIA.**—There are no ordained missionaries in this part of the Turkish Empire excepting those connected with the Board, and two ministers of the Irish Presbyterian Church, who are stationed at Damascus. There are mission schools in several places, supported by British and Prussian or German Societies, and doing a good work, such schools being all or nearly all conducted by women.

**PERSIA.** Besides the missionaries of our Church, we believe there is but one other minister, an esteemed clergyman of the English Episcopal Church, who is stationed at Ispahan.

**INDIA.** There are ordained missionaries in this country from the Scotch Established, Free and United, and the Irish Presbyterian Churches, the Canadian Presbyterian, the American United Presbyterian, the Dutch Reformed, and our Board; the American Methodist, Baptist, Freewill Baptist and Lutheran; the English Episcopal—Church and Gospel Propagation; the English Baptist, Independent and Wesleyan; and some of the German Churches.

**SIAM AND LAOS.** None besides our brethren, excepting a respected American Baptist Missionary to the Chinese in Bangkok.

**CHINA.** Our missions are in three general districts, on or near the coast,—Canton, Shanghai and Ningpo, Shantung and Peking. Many other Missionary Boards are represented in this country—Southern Pres-

byterian, American Board, Reformed Dutch, Baptist and Southern Baptist, and Methodist, North and South; Episcopal; Canadian Presbyterian; English, Scotch Free and Scotch United Presbyterian; English Episcopal—Church and Propagation Societies; English Independent,—regular and “Inland Mission;” English Wesleyan.

**JAPAN.** Our mission is at Yokohama and Yedo. Though the country is not yet generally open for the residence of foreigners, there are ordained missionaries from most of the American Churches,—the Reformed Dutch, Episcopal, American Board, Methodist, Baptist, Reformed German; and from the Scotch United Presbyterian; English Episcopal—Church.

**WEST AFRICA.** Besides our missionaries in Liberia, there are Baptist, Episcopal and Methodist. In the region of the equator, occupied by the Gaboon and Corisco Mission, there are no other missionaries except Roman Catholics; north of our field are the Scotch United Presbyterian, English Baptist, English Episcopal—Church, and still further up the coast the German brethren at Akra and other places. North of Liberia, is the Mendi Mission of the American Missionary Association. Still further north is Sierra Leone, with missionaries of the English Wesleyan and Episcopal Churches. These are all on the western coast, which has thus far been as completely separated from the South, the East and the North as if they were parts of another continent.

**BRAZIL.** Besides our missionaries are the brethren of the Southern Presbyterian Church, and one Independent.

**CHILI.** No others, though recently two or three Methodist ministers have gone to that country under the lead of Mr. Taylor.

**UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA.** No others.

**MEXICO.** In addition to our brethren, there are missionaries of the Southern Presbyterian and the Southern Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, the American Board, the Episcopal and the Methodist.

**INDIAN TRIBES.** Besides the missionaries of the Foreign Board, our Home Board supports some brethren in the Indian Territory, New Mexico, Alaska and at other points; the Southern Presbyterian in the Indian Territory; the American Board, among the Dakotas; the Episcopal Indian Commission, among the Dakotas, and stations among Chippewas and Stockbridges. The Baptist and Methodist Indian work, both north and south, is so connected with their Domestic Missions as not to be readily distinguished. The Friends have missionary work in connection with the Indian Agencies in their nomination, all among tribes in Nebraska, Kansas, and the Indian Territory.

The large number of missionary organizations at work in India and China is accounted for, of course, by the great population of those countries. In the former country, there is one foreign missionary to each 300,000 souls; in the latter, not one to each 3,000,000 of souls. In all missionary fields our Saviour's words are applicable in full force, “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.”

#### A YEAR'S EVANGELIZING WORK AT PETCHABURI.

The mission in Siam has two principal stations, one in Bangkok, the capitol, the other in Petchaburi, a city easily reached, 150 miles southwest of Bangkok. The Rev. S. G. McFarland, D.D., who has been laboring at Petchaburi since June, 1861, sends the following satisfactory and encouraging review of the year's work there to the 25th of last October. Soon afterwards Dr. McFarland expected to remove to Bangkok, under



appointment by the king of Siam, to take the charge of efforts at the expense of the government to promote education among the Siamese. We trust that both he and his devoted wife will be very useful in this new and important work, but they can never cease to regard the years spent at Petchaburi with deep interest and thankfulness. More laborers are needed for this station. The work so well begun must be maintained, and we hope it will continue to grow and be greatly prospered.

At our last communion, the 2d Sabbath in October, four persons were received into membership in the church here; making nine in all during the year. Last year we reported twenty-six adults received; the largest accession we have yet had.

The four persons last received, are all interesting cases. Two of them are wives of church members. This now makes ten Christian families in connection with this church; and five in the church in Bangkok. Another of those received is a young Laos man from the village of Wangtako, where we have long had a preaching station, although it is now abandoned. Much seed has been sown there, but with the exception of *Nai Ang*, an old man baptized many years ago, this is the only visible fruit we have gathered. Oh! what a day of rejoicing it was when we were permitted to welcome this—we might say—first convert from the Laos! The other one received is a young man recently come into the school here, and is a very promising youth.

A new and interesting feature of the work this year, is the organization of a church at Bangkok, consisting of nine members. These are all from the church in Petchaburi, and is the first instance in the mission in Siam of a church branching off, or sending out a colony. Since the organization of the church in Bangkok, two adults have been added, and two children baptized, so that the church there now numbers eleven adults and eight baptized children; and the church in Petchaburi fifty-nine adults, and twenty-five baptized children. Had our numbers in Petchaburi not been diminished by the organization of the new church, we would now have numbered seventy adult members. These are widely scattered, and some of them far removed from church privileges, which we greatly regret. They need instruction and guidance, but living scattered as they are, can receive but little attention. Each of the ten villages where our members reside will form centres for Christian work.

A weekly prayer meeting is kept up regularly by the church members residing near the mission house, which seems to be greatly enjoyed by some, and is a means of grace to all who attend. A weekly prayer meeting for the female members is also an interesting service. The general deportment of all our native Christians is commendable, and many of them exhibit Christian graces that will compare favorably with professors at home.

The church in Petchaburi has contributed this year in regular monthly contributions \$55.57; and \$150.00 in special contributions for special objects. The regular contributions have been devoted so far as they would go, toward paying the salary of *Nai Klai*, the native preacher. Regular services have been conducted in the chapel at Bangkok every alternate Sabbath, usually by *Nai Klai*. The attendance there part of the time, has been small, on account of the people being closely occupied with fisheries.

I have recently purchased for the mission, with funds raised at this station by the sale of medicine, a valuable lot adjoining the mission compound, and facing the river. On this lot is a native brick house which has become useful for school purposes. In it, has been opened this year, a Chinese school,—a new feature in the school work here,—numbering twelve

pupils. Some of these are boys from the advanced scientific school, whom we thought might be benefited by a little knowledge of Chinese, and some are lads gathered from Chinese families in the city. They with their teacher attend worship and Sabbath services, but how much they understand, we know not. In the seven different schools, made up of Chinese, Siamese and Laos, there have been under instruction here this year 240 pupils. During the past mission year three from the schools have been received into the church.

Two very interesting young men, members of the church here, have offered themselves as candidates, and I have commenced instructing them with a view to fitting them for preachers. They are young—one has a wife; the other is yet unmarried—and both manifest considerable zeal and perseverance in their studies. It is very desirable that they should have support, and the opportunity of completing their studies.

*Nai Kaan*, the candidate studying under my care has now completed his course of preparations, and expects soon to apply for license. He has employed part of his time in teaching from house to house, and in book and tract distribution in the town and surrounding villages. This kind of work will suit him better, probably than textual preaching. He accompanied me on one tour to the village of Bangchan, two miles from the city, where we spent three days preaching to large crowds of people by moon-light. Word was circulated through the village, and the people came apparently each to hear. I have never before addressed so interested and attentive audiences, nor such crowds of people as there assembled under a large tamarind tree at night. During the day the more interested ones would come to our tent for fuller instruction. *Nai Kaan* was of great assistance to me in this kind of work; and his great familiarity with their own absurd customs gave him great advantage in meeting and answering their objections. We found many inquirers, and trust they will soon be brought into the church. Other short tours have been made: and books and tracts distributed as occasion offered.

The Sabbath-school is in a prosperous condition, and averages about seventy pupils, old and young.

I have recently prepared a book of sermons, forming a series, which will soon be printed, and will be a valuable addition to our distributing books. The book called "Judge ye," or Evidences of Christianity, which I prepared last year, has made a good impression; the first edition being about exhausted. It was eagerly sought after, and circulated principally among the better classes. One man of high rank, and closely associated with the king, asked me for one hundred copies to distribute among his friends and associates. I also presented a copy to the king. I hope and pray that this little volume may be the means of awakening them to thought, and bringing them to see the value of Christianity to every nation.

There has been printed at my press in Petchaburi, a small book of questions on the Gospel history, for the use of Sabbath-schools, prepared by Mrs. McFarland.

The new school building commenced, and partly reported last year, is now about completed. The large chapel room in it proves to be a delightful place for worship and Sabbath-schools. It is a fine looking building, and presents a beautiful appearance, whether seen from the river or the road. I think the Board and the Church should rejoice that the mission work here, now possesses such a fine large building for so small an appropriation as the \$2,000, given by the Board. The whole building has cost \$4,300.00. It combines *three* buildings in one. It has apartments for

teachers quite as large and convenient as either of the mission houses here; it has school-room and dormitories to accommodate fifty or sixty boarding pupils; and it has a beautiful room 24 by 38 feet for worship, and examination hall; all of which is completed and ready for occupancy, without a debt.

Everything is ready now for *strong* work here, but alas! the workers are few.

### RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS IN DECEMBER, 1878.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—New Scotland ch., 21; Rockwell Falls ch., 6 73; Corinth ch., 2 10. *Champlain*—Chazy ch., 15. *Columbia*—Jewett ch., 21 95; Rensselaerville ch., 16 28. *Troy*—Cambridge ch., 38 40; Brunswick ch., 22.

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Brown Memorial sab-sch., 5 85. *New Castle*—Middletown Forest ch., 26 75; Lower West Nottingham ch., 22 53; Lower Brandywine ch. sab-sch., 22. 77 13

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—1st ch., Binghamton, 16498. *St. Lawrence*—1st ch., Potsdam, 3. *Syracuse*—Cazenovia ch. sab-sch., for Boys' School, Zahleh, Syria, 40. *Utica*—1st ch., Rome, 58 23; New Hartford ch., 15. 281 26

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Lane Seminary ch., 29 85; Mrs. Hicks, for China, 5=34 85; 2d ch., Cincinnati, 21 60; 7th ch. sab-sch., Cincinnati, 19 41. *Dayton*—Hamilton ch., 12. 87 86

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—2d ch., Cleveland, 309; Chester ch., 6; Orwell ch., 5. *Mahoning*—1st ch., Youngstown, 21 91; 1st ch., Warren, 17 79; Middle Sandy ch., 15; Clarkson ch., 15. *St. Clairsville*—Concord ch., 31; sab-sch., 57 15=88 15; Crab Apple sab-sch., 23. *Stuebenville*—Corinth ch. sab-sch., for Kolapoer, 50; Amsterdam ch., 5; sab-sch., 10=15; Still Fork ch., 5; Morristown ch., 3 80. 565 65

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Middleport ch., 32 70; Pomeroy ch., 28 62. *Columbus*—1st ch., Circleville, 17 18; Central ch., 17 18; Midway ch. sab-sch., 6 52; Scioto ch., 6 06; Blendon ch., 5; Central College ch., 5; Amanda ch., 3 14; Lover of Missions, New Holland, 25 cts. *Marion*—York ch., "A. M.," 5. *Wooster*—1st ch. sab sch., Mansfield, for Canton, 50. *Zanesville*—Norwich ch., 46; Concord ch., 14; Mt. Zion ch., 5 50; Jefferson ch., W. D. Wallace, 5. 247 15

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Neville Island ch., 13; 2d ch. sab-sch.. Allegheny, 10 60; 1st ch., Bridge-water, 7. *Butler*—Leesburg ch., for new missionary, 10. *Clarion*—Licking sab-sch., 9 15. *Erie*—Cool Spring ch., 23 43; Chestnut st. ch., Erie, additional, 5. *Kittanning*—Fairfield ch., 6 47. Middle Creek ch., Louis Shoupe, 5. *Shenango*—Slippery Rock ch., 15; Hermon ch., "Thanksgiving Offering," 6; Sharpville ch., 5 28. 115 93

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—2d ch., Auburn, 222 66; Aurora ch., 49 80; Meridian ch., 25; Port Byron ch. sab-sch. Infant Class, for child at Shanghai, 25. *Geneva*—Seneca ch., 36; 1st ch., Ovid, 32 93; Geneva ch., 15 17. *Lyons*—Lyons ch., 21 98; Sodus ch., 8 90. 437 44

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Market Square ch., Harrisburg, 122 97; Lower Path Valley ch., 25; Waynesboro ch., 24 27; Burnt Cabins ch., 5. *Huntington*—2d ch., Altoona, 61 90; Lewis-town ch., 55 50; Beulah ch., 4 30; sab-sch., 11 36; Madera sab-sch., 1 50=17 16; Millintown ch. sab-sch., for Africa, 10 30. *Northumberland*—2d ch., Williamsport, 29 15; Beech Creek ch., 4. *Wellsboro*—Wellsboro ch., 24 25; sab-sch., 2 20=26 45. 384 70

ILLINOIS. CENTRAL.—*Springfield*—1st ch., Spring-field, 63 85. 63 85

ILLINOIS NORTH.—*Chicago*—2d ch., Chicago, 1000; 1st ch., Chicago, a Member, 100; Hyde Park ch., 25 31; Jefferson Park ch., 8 62; East Wheatland ch. sab-sch., 6 25. *Ottawa*—1st ch., Plato, 4. *Rock River*—Fulton ch., 1 15. 1,145 23

ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Alton*—Spring Cove ch., 6. *Cairo*—1st ch., Du Quoin, 11 75. *Mattoon*—Charleston sab-sch., 3 91. 21 66

INDIANA NORTH.—*Fort Wayne*—Auburn ch., 2 50. *Logansport*—Monon ch., 3 16; Kentland ch., 3; Plymouth ch., 1 86. *Muncie*—Wabash ch., 9 25. 17 27

INDIANA SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Green Castle ch., 9 35; Hopewell ch. sab-sch., 6 50. *New Albany*—Salem ch., 4 25. Sharon Hill ch., 3 07. *Vincennes*—2d ch., Terre Haute, 14 60; Clat-borne ch., 10. 47 77

IOWA NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Vinton, 40 03; Mechanicsville Sab Sch. 25; Wheatland, "Friend of the Cause," 10, Sab. Sch. 2 50, 12 50. *Dubuque*—Bethel, 8. 85 53

IOWA SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Fairview, 5; 1st ch., Corning, 3 06; Conway, 1; Brooks, 1. *Iowa*—Burlington, 38 10; Middletown, 3 96; Salina, 1. 53 12

KANSAS.—*Neosho*—Muskogee, 35 60. 35 60

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—1st ch., Shelbyville, 97; 1st ch., Hopkinsville, Mrs. M. H. Kelly, 10; Plum Creek, 5. 112 00

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Westminster, 195; Clinton st., 74 42; South 3d st. ch., Williams-burgh, 26 83; 1st ch., Brooklyn, 20 60; Lafayette ave. ch., 20 31; 1st ch., Edgewater, 9. *Long Island*—1st ch., East Hampton, 102 94; 1st ch., Southold, 40. *Nassau*—Jamaica, 10 52; Spring-field ch. Sab. Sch., 10; Islip, 1 75. 511 37

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Westminster ch., Detroit, 76 44; United ch. Sab. Sch., Milford, for Persia, 15; Union ch., 5.

In Dec. number of the FOREIGN MISSION-ARY and RECORD read Fort st. ch., Detroit, "Young Men's Foreign Missionary Society," instead of Young Misses' Society.

*Grand Rapids*—Clam Lake, 16; 1st ch., Ionia, 5. *Kalamazoo*—1st ch., Kalamazoo, 62. *Monroe*—Hillsdale, 61 76; 1st ch., Monroe, 32; Quincy, 15 65. *Saginaw*—1st ch., Flint, 47 82; Saginaw City, 33 55; Monice, 5; Vassar Sab. Sch., 140. 376 62

MINNESOTA.—*St. Paul*—Andrew ch., Minne-apolis, 3 25. *Winona*—Winona Ger., 4; Frank Hill Ger., 4; Wykoff, 2 48; Washington, 1 74. 15 47

MISSOURI.—*Platte*—Rosendale, 10. *St. Louis*—Bethel Ger. Sab. Sch., 14 20. 24 20

NEBRASKA.—*Nebraska City*—Rev. J. Schaidel and wife, 5. 5 00

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Westminster, Eliza-beth, 125; Clinton, 9 44. *Jersey City*—Englewood, 580 26, mo. con., 57 90, 633 16; 1st ch., Rutherford Park, 14 25; Broadway Ger., Paterson, 4 50. *Monmouth*—Farmingdale, 22; Cream Ridge, 12; Plumstead, 6; Manchester, 2. *Morris and Orange*—2d ch., Orange, 32 95; Madison, 23 09; Fair-mont, 13. *Newark*—High st., Newark, 397 70; 3d ch., Newark, 175 67; 2d ch., Newark, 54 89; South Park, Newark, 18 62; Wickliffe, Newark, 14 52. *New Brunswick*—Dutch Neck, 16 22, D. N. Sab. Sch., 8 28, C. N. Sab. Sch., 10 60, E. Sab. Sch., 3, P. Sab. Sch., 6. 44 10; Kingwood, 5; Stockton, 9. *Newton*—2d ch., Belvidere, 100; Blairstown, 60; 1st ch., Belvidere, 30 62. *West*

Jersey—1st ch., Cedarville, 10 03; May's Landing, Rev. A. H. Brown, 10. 1,832 54

NEW YORK.—Boston—Londonderry, 12 75.  
Hudson—Ramapo, 250; Chester, Nathaniel Roe, Jr., Christmas gift, 20; Scotchtown, 23 35; Goodwill, 13 69; Monticello ch. Sab. Sch., 10.

In January FOREIGN MISSIONARY and RECORD read "2d ch. Sab. Sch., Middleton, for India," instead of 1st ch. Sab. Sch.

NEW YORK—Scotch ch. Robert Carter & Bro., 500; Pbn. Memorial, 436 80; 4th Ave., 35 22; Brick, 32 82; Canal St., 25; 7th ch., 17 77; Brick ch. chapel, 11; Washington Heights, 6 06; Sea and Land, 9 06. North River—Calvary, Newburgh, 15 86; 1st ch., Kingston, 7. Westchester—Irvington, 365 39; Mahopac Falls, 17 50; Katonah, 17 50. 1,826 77

PACIFIC.—Benicia—Healdsburg, 5 50. San Francisco—St. John's, San Francisco, 26 20. 31 70

PHILADELPHIA.—Chester—New London, from R. P. D., 11. Lackawanna—Honesdale, 382 90; 2d ch., Scranton, F. S. Nettleton, Esq., to sup. Rev. W. K. Eddy, 100; Tunkhannock ch., 15 80. Sab. Sch., 6 90, 22 70; Barclay, 8; Plymouth, 6. Lehigh—1st ch., Allentown, 111; 1st ch., Easton, 84; 1st ch., Audenreid, 9 06; South Bethlehem, 7; Summit Hill ch., 3 46. Sab. Sch., 2 73; James-town Sab. Sch., 60 cts, 6 79. Philadelphia—West Spruce St., 567 01, G. S. Benson, Esq., 100, 667 01; Walnut St. ch. Sab. Sch., 152 05; Bethany Sab. Sch., "Little by Little Band," 10. Philadelphia Central—North Broad St., 105. Philadelphia North—Neshaminy of Warwick Sab-sch., 9 50. Westminster—Hopewell, 18. 1,710 01

PITTSBURG.—Blairsville—Greensburg ch., Mrs. Mary Foster, 5. Pittsburg—2d ch., Pittsburg, 45 43; Shady Side ch., 35 93; Chartiers ch., 12 75; sab-sch., 18 06=31 35; Bethany ch., 15 25. Washington—Pigeon Creek ch., 4 05; Fairview ch., 22; Estate of Thos. Moore, dec'd, 10=32. 208 11

TENNESSEE.—Kingston—Bethel ch. sab-sch., 5. Union—2d ch., Knoxville, 29 90. 34 90

TOLEDO.—Bellevue—Crestline ch., 20; 1st ch., Bellefontaine, 8 06. Maumee—Defiance ch., 13. 41 67

WESTERN NEW YORK.—Buffalo—Central ch., Buffalo, of which 75 for Miss Warner, China, 219; North ch. sab-sch., Buffalo, 103 49; Westfield ch., 55 50. Niagara—Porter ch., 43. Rochester—Central ch., Rochester, 138; Rev. L. Conklin, 10=148; Livonia ch., 29 50; sab-sch., 10=39 40; Caledonia ch., 34; Memorial ch., Rochester, 6. 648 49

WISCONSIN—Chippewa—North ch., La Crosse, Mrs. H. Goddard, 10; W. R. F., 5, for school in China, 15. Milwaukee—1st ch., Racine, 42; 1st ch., Beloit, 29; Oostburgh ch., 5. Wisconsin River—Lodi ch., 1 25. 92 25

Woman's For. Miss. Society, Phila..... \$2661 32

Woman's Board of Missions for North-west..... 895 00

Woman's For. Miss. Society, Albany Branch..... 131 50

Woman's Board of Missions for South-west..... 55 05

Amount received from churches in December, 1878..... \$3,742 87

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## LEGACIES.

Legacy of Henry A. Kerr, dec'd, N. Y. City..... 5,396 66

Bequest of Mary Cameron, dec'd, Columbiana Co., Ohio..... 1,328 26

Bequest of Hannah H. Hodgeman, deceased, formerly of Stillwater, Saratoga Co., N. Y..... 500 00

Estate of Chas. O'Neil, dec'd..... 500 00

Bequest of Mrs. Lucina Parsons, deceased, Gouverneur, N. Y..... 200 00

Estate of Amos Smith, dec'd, Lebanon, Ohio..... 43 33

Amount received from legacies..... \$7,968 25

## MISCELLANEOUS.

L. F. L., for Girls' School at China, 25; A. W. Kilborne, Orange, N. J., 25; Louise McClellan, 10; J. J. O. N. Y., 10; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Winn, Davenport, Iowa, 25; Mrs. Hannah T. Stou-teneger, Aurora, Ill., 2 50; George H. Brown, Newark, N. J., 25; Rev. C. H. Ewing, Thank-offering for Syria, 20; J. W. Dulles, Phila., 15; Rev. A. R. Clark, Collamer, Ohio, 30; H. H. W., 5; Rev. H. Shedd, for Persia, 10; Students' Assoc'n Theol. Seminary, Northwest, 8; Society of Inquiry, Union Theol. Seminary, N. Y., 8 27; A Friend, 5; Rev. S. Ward and family, Coffee, Ind., 2; Little Mary G. Berbout, Richmond, Ohio, for Boys and Girls in India, 1 10; Temple Grove Seminary, Saratoga, Young Ladies, for child at Gaboon, 25; A Friend, Toledo, Ohio, 1; Dr. J. L. Banks, N. Y., 75; Pres. C. Mills and wife, Wabash College, Ind., 20; Dr. W. N. Blakeman, N. Y., 100; Rev. M. D. Kneeland, 65; Mrs. S. A. Kneeland, 20; Waterloo, N. Y., Gen'l E. B. Babbitt, U. S. A., 40; Rel. Con-tributing Society, Princeton Theol. Seminary, 70 20; Miss Minnie E. Freese, Cleveland, Ohio, 30; A Friend, 8; W. 5; Brainerd, 3; D. O. C., 10; Mrs. A. O. Hurd, 1; Miss A. Hurd, 1; Kewanee, Ill., "Titusville," Pa., 550; A Friend, 5; A "Deceased Friend of Missions," Port Royal, Pa., through Presbyterian, 10; Mary, through Presbyterian, 1; Dr. Chamberlain, Arcot Mission "R. A. K.," through Presbyterian, 2 50..... \$1,269 57

Total Receipts in December, 1878..... \$24,264 90

" " from May 1, 1878..... \$134,552 11

Receipts from Sabbath-schools in December, 1878..... \$826 65

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## BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

### OUR PRESSING NEED.

The contributions to the Missionary Fund of the Board of Publication, from churches, Sabbath-schools, legacies and individual contributors, for the first nine months of the year, from April 1, 1878 to January 1, 1879, have amounted to \$19,281.60, against \$24,417.39 received in the corresponding nine months of the preceding fiscal year; being a decrease of \$5,135.79.

On the other hand the pressure for donations of the Board's publications to the needy and destitute, and for the employment of Book, Tract and Sabbath-school Missionaries, has been so great and constant that the Fund has been kept empty for the months past, and is now largely overdrawn. So largely has this been the case that the Board has lately felt constrained to allow several missionaries whom it would gladly have retained, to go out of its service as their commissions expired, also to refuse grants of books, tracts, catechisms, papers, etc., where they were earnestly sought, were greatly needed, and would have done much good.

While entreating churches, Sabbath-schools, and private contributors to extend their aid in carrying forward the important missionary work of this Board, it is compelled now to some extent to stand in the posture of waiting for help to enable it to resume fully its greatly needed distribution of printed truth throughout the Church and the land.

### THE WESTMINSTER TEACHER.

THE WESTMINSTER TEACHER for February has been issued and is an interesting and valuable number. It contains an article on *Definiteness in Teaching*, by the Rev. S. J. Niccolls, D.D.; *The Jewish Restoration a Typical Revival*, by the Rev. S. F. Scovel; *Nehemiah*, by the Rev. Herrick Johnson, D.D.; *The whole Church at Bible Study*, by the Rev. J. R. Miller, and the usual exposition of the Sabbath-school lessons for the month, by the Rev. Dr. Duryea, Mrs. Alden (Pansy), and others, with Black-board illustrations by the Rev. H.-C. McCook. There are also Test Questions and Lessons on the Shorter Catechism, which teachers will find very helpful. We hope that our Sabbath-school workers generally will do what they can to promote the circulation of this valuable monthly.

### MISSIONARY WORK IN CALIFORNIA.

The Board has an excellent missionary at work in Southern California. The following communication from him gives a glimpse of the nature and value of the work he is performing in that region: "As soon as the boxes of Spanish Bibles and Tracts arrived, I commenced evangelistic work among the Mexicans in Los Angeles and in San Gabriel, and was gratified at their readiness to receive and read the books which I offered them. On receiving the tracts they generally commenced reading them at once. Some would sit down on a box, or on the ground under a tree, and read a tract until they had finished it. Then they would tell their companions what they had read. Sometimes they would read aloud for the benefit of others who could not read at all. In this way one tract would be made to preach the gospel, and convey the truth to many people. Nearly all who can read are eager to receive Bibles and Testaments, but they are generally too poor to pay for them; although they are willing and glad to do so when they can. Sometimes they can pay a part of the price.

“The circulation of Bibles has stirred up the opposition of the Romish priests, who have been quite active in warning the people not to read them. In some instances they have forcibly taken them away from those who have bought them. This, however, is beginning to arouse the opposition of the people to their priests, as the following instance will show. In Los Angeles a priest attempted to take away a Bible from a Mexican woman, but met with stout resistance, and in the end was brought to grief. He had entered her house without notice, and found the woman reading her Bible. In harsh language he denounced her, and ordered her to give the book to him. She refused; declared that the Bible was her own property, and said that in this free country he had no more right to take it from her, than to take any other property that she owned. Thereupon he violently attempted to wrench it from her hands, but she stoutly resisted, and in the struggle her arm was badly sprained, and she received other injuries. The priest carried off the Bible, but that was only the beginning of his troubles. By the advice of friends, the woman brought suit against the priest in the civil court for the recovery of her Bible, and for damages on account of the personal injuries she had received. This created great excitement, and the priests took the alarm. They must hush up this matter, and prevent it from spreading. So the offending priest gave back the volume to the woman, and paid her money for the injuries she had sustained. Thus we see the waning influence of the priests over a people whom they have so long enslaved, and whose religious education they have so long neglected.

“Bible and tract distribution among the Mexicans is already beginning to awaken a spirit of inquiry, from which good results will eventually follow. The people are asking each other, “Are these things true which our Testaments and tracts tell us?” Some time ago, I gave a Testament and some tracts to a young Mexican engaged in mercantile business in San Gabriel, which he read attentively. When I called on him, a few days ago, he seemed to be in an interesting state of mind. He asked many questions pertaining to confession, the absolution of the priest, and the intercession of saints. I told him that God only could forgive sins; that we must confess them to him directly; that he invites us to do so in his word; that we have but one intercessor and advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, in whose name all our prayers should be offered; that to ask the Virgin Mary and the saints to intercede for us is idolatry, which the Bible forbids; and that if we prayed to the saints they could not hear us, for they had no attributes of divinity. I told him to pray to God every day, and he would be forgiven his daily sins, and conducted to heaven. These truths were all new to him, and he looked surprised. He asked me to refer him to the passages in the Testament which taught the statement that I had made. I noted many references on paper, writing down chapter and verse, and left him, with the prayer, that God would enlighten his mind and enable him to see and know the truth. He said he would believe and follow the teachings of the Bible, no matter what his priest or his church thought about it.

“This young man is a specimen of many who have become dissatisfied with the church of Rome by reading the Bibles and excellent Spanish tracts furnished by our Board of Publication. Let us give them the truth, and good fruits will be sure to follow. Since the people have learned the danger of having their Bibles taken away, they take care to conceal them, when not in use. One woman said to me, “The priest took away last Bible; but if you will let me have another, I will see that he does not get it.”

“I have circulated many of the smaller “*Catechism for Young Children,*” in Spanish, which are gladly received by many Mexican parents for the instruction of their children, and which cannot be taught to the child without teaching it also the sum of saving truth. Thus the children of these poor Mexicans are being prepared for a Christian education. With proper effort on our part, this people may at length emerge from their present condition to a higher type of Christianity and civilization. There is great encouragement to work for them, and to sow in their minds the precious seed, which will spring up and bear fruit to life eternal.”

W. C. M.

### HOW THE BOARD AIDS HOME MISSIONARIES.

A missionary in southwestern Iowa, who is engaged in the self-denying work of laying foundations upon which other men may build, acknowledges a donation of tracts from the Board of Publication in the following letter. The communication shows the aid which the Board always renders to the work when the churches furnish it with the means for doing so—and sometimes, as in recent days, when *they do not*. The calls for this kind of help are incessant. Will our churches enable the Board to meet them?

“I received, to-day, the package of tracts for distribution, for which I return my sincere thanks. I could not have made a better selection. They will aid me very much in my work on this field. I have already given away a few which have been received thankfully and read with profit. More are called for. Many of the people here are anxious to know what Presbyterianism is. It is something new, and our method of doing things is so different from what they have been accustomed to, that they seem interested in it. Almost every day I hear of others that never attend church, but who say they will do so as soon as we get into our new house of worship. I think the distribution of the tracts among that class of people will do an amount of good that can only be known when the Master comes to make up His jewels.”

R. C. R.

### THE WESTMINSTER QUESTION BOOK.

This admirably prepared book has steadily advanced year by year in popularity, and the demand for it has increased. The number sent out for use in our Sabbath-schools within the past two months has far exceeded that of any former year, and the expressions of approval have been more numerous and warmer than ever before. The introduction and explanation of the Shorter Catechism is a prominent feature of the book, commending it to all true-hearted Presbyterians.

### A COMMENDATION

In view of certain efforts about to be put forth by Missionaries of the Board of Publication in Middle and Northern Illinois, the following commendation of the Board's work and of its publications was given to our missionaries by leading ministers in Chicago and other places in that part of the state named :

“We believe the sound and healthful publications of the Board, all handsomely gotten up, *can be more economically distributed, and the Sabbath-school and Missionary Work be better done, by our own agencies, than by any other organization.* And we think the corruption of the times, and the wide diffusion of publications of evil tendencies, demand an earnest effort

to circulate these pure and useful works, fitted to elevate and bless, wherever they may reach the community. We would be glad to see these books of our Board *in all our families and Sabbath-school libraries.*" Signed by:

Revs. Drs. Arthur Mitchell, J. M. Gibson, J. M. Worrall, Francis L. Patton, R. W. Patterson, W. M. Blackburn, Arthur Swazey, Rev. H. H. Kellogg, Rev. E. R. Davis, of Chicago; Rev. H. B. Thayer, D. D., and Rev. J. W. Dinsmore, Bloomington, Ill.; Rev. J. Weston and Rev. L. O. Thompson, of Peoria; Rev. M. M. Travis, Chenoa, Ill.; Rev. S. M. Morton, Jacksonville, Ill.; Rev. W. W. Faris, Clinton, Ill.; Rev. A. J. Berger, Champaign, Ill.; Rev. A. L. Brooks, Danville, Ill; Rev. W. C. Magner, Onarga, Ill.; Rev. L. P. Crawford, Farmer City, Ill.; Rev. R. Conover, Lexington, Ill.; Rev. I. A. Cornelison,, Washington, Ill.; Rev. W. C. Neeley, Piper City, Ill.

#### RECEIPTS FOR MISSION WORK OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION IN DEC. 1878.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.— <i>Champlain</i> —Plattsburgh, 15.	<i>Troy</i> —	sch 35 cts. and Jamestown sab-sch. 8 cts.—87
Cohoes, 6; Whitehall, 5 50.	26 50	cts. <i>Philadelphia</i> —Philadelphia Chambers
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Binghamton</i> —Binghamton	20 10.	ch. from E. M. H. \$10; <i>Philadelphia</i> Walnut st.
1st, 21 90. <i>Otsego</i> —Cooperstown, 20 10.		76 03; <i>Philadelphia</i> W. Spruce Street ch. add'l.
<i>Syracuse</i> —Oswego 1st ch. sab-sch. 16 09.	<i>Utica</i>	from G. S. Benson, Esq. 50. <i>Philadelphia</i> <i>Central</i> —
—Camden, 4.	62 18	<i>Philadelphia</i> North Broad Street ch.
CINCINNATI.— <i>Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati Lane		add'l. 20; <i>Philadelphia</i> Oxford, 36 53. <i>Philadel-</i>
Seminary, 25 24; College Hill, 9.	<i>Dayton</i> —	<i>phia</i> <i>North</i> —Doylestown and Deep Run, 18 41;
Hamilton, 6 67.	<i>Portsmouth</i> —Eckmansville,	Norristown Central, 10. <i>Westminster</i> —Centre,
6 15; Rev. S. C. Kerr and Wife, 5.	52 06	4 30; Donegal, 4; Monaghan, 2 94; Slateville, 6;
COLUMBIA.— <i>Oregon</i> —Pleasant Grove, 3 00		Stewartstown, 5 50.
COLUMBUS.— <i>Zanesville</i> —Concord, 4; Granville		320 07
ch. sab-sch. 8 48	<i>Eric</i> —	PITTSBURGH.— <i>Pittsburgh</i> .—Pittsburgh Shady
ERIE.— <i>Allegheny</i> —Neville Island, 3.	<i>Eric</i> —	Side, 7 01. <i>Redstone</i> —Connellsville, 8 42; Me-
Mill Village, 3 25; Venango, 2 75.	<i>Kittanning</i> —	Keesport 1st, 12. <i>Washington</i> —Pigeon Creek, 8.
Jacksonville, 10. <i>Shenango</i> —Pulaski, 4 37;		35 43
Sharpville, 3 30.	26 67	TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Bellefontaine, 1 09.
GENEVA.— <i>Geneva</i> —Geneva 1st ch. sab-sch. 15 00		WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Buffalo</i> —Westfield, 3 70.
	15 00	<i>Rochester</i> —Rochester Memorial, 1.
HARRISBURGH.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Harrisburgh 7th		4 70
Street ch. from Dr. Curwen, 20; <i>Harrisburgh</i> —		WISCONSIN.— <i>Chippewa</i> —La Cross 1st, 4 22.
<i>Westminster</i> , 3 51; <i>Waynesboro</i> 3 05. <i>Huntingdon</i> —		
--Lewistown, 7; <i>Milroy</i> , 5. <i>Northumberland</i> —		
<i>Bloomsburgh</i> , 1st, 10; <i>Williamsport</i> , 2d, 1 74.		
<i>Wellsboro</i> — <i>Wellsboro</i> , (of which sab-sch, 27		
cts.) 3 33.	53 63	
ILLINOIS CENTRAL.— <i>Bloomington</i> —Bloomington		
1st, 6. <i>Schuyler</i> —Bushnell, 2. <i>Springfield</i> —		
<i>Springfield</i> , 1st, 46 29.	54 29	
ILLINOIS NORTH.— <i>Rock River</i> —Perryton, 1.		
INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Logansport</i> —Plymouth, 23		
cts. <i>Muncie</i> —Wabash, 1 17.	1 40	
IOWA NORTH.— <i>Cedar Rapids</i> —Rev. J. L. Wil-		
son, 1. <i>Fort Dodge</i> —Paton, 2.	3 00	
IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Des Moines</i> —Leighton, 1 50;		
<i>Olivet</i> , 1 50; <i>Russell</i> ch. sab-sch. 8. <i>Iowa</i> —		
<i>Burlington</i> 1st, 4 80; <i>Middletown</i> , 49 cts. 16 20		
KANSAS.— <i>Austin</i> —Brenham ch. 2 20.	2 29	
LONG ISLAND.— <i>Long Island</i> —Mattituck, 5;		
<i>Southampton</i> ch. sab-sch. 13 75, and <i>Water</i>		
<i>Mills</i> sab-sch. 19 60=33 35; <i>Westhampton</i> , 4.	42 35	
MICHIGAN.— <i>Detroit</i> — <i>Detroit</i> Jefferson Ave.		
51; <i>Detroit Westminster</i> , 9 64; <i>Wyandotte</i> , 5 50.	66 14	
MINNESOTA.— <i>St. Paul</i> — <i>Rockford</i> , 2. <i>Winona</i> —		
<i>Washington</i> , 1 44.	8 44	
NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Clinton 1st, 1 19;		
<i>Elizabeth Westminster</i> ch. add'l. 50; <i>Wood-</i>		
<i>bridge</i> , 10. <i>Morris</i> and <i>Orange</i> —Madison, 2 91.		
<i>Newark</i> — <i>Newark</i> 2d, 12 75. <i>New Brunswick</i> —		
<i>Amwell</i> United, 1st, 2; <i>Pennington</i> , 25 10;		
<i>Princeton</i> 1st, 31 84; <i>Stockton</i> , 2 50. <i>Newton</i>		
— <i>Belvidere</i> 1st, 7 76. <i>West Jersey</i> — <i>Blackwood-</i>		
<i>town</i> , 20.	166 05	
NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> — <i>Goodwill</i> , 1 73; <i>Ramapo</i> ,		
9; <i>Scotchtown</i> , 2 06. <i>New York</i> — <i>New York</i>		
<i>Church of the Sea and Land</i> , 1 14. <i>Westchester</i>		
— <i>Manhopac Falls</i> , 5.	18 93	
PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Chester</i> — <i>New London</i> ch.		
from R. P. D. 1 50. <i>Lackawanna</i> — <i>Terrytown</i> , 2.		
<i>Lehigh</i> — <i>Allentown</i> , 14; <i>Hazleton</i> , 7 79; <i>Reading</i>		
1st ch. sab-sch. 50; <i>Summit Hill</i> ch. 44 cts. sab-		

• Total from Churches.....\$992 12

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

"A Man and Wife," interest on a bond, 40; Rev. J. D. Mason, Shiloh, Iowa, 1; Perryville sab-sch. Md. 5; Mrs. C. L. McDermid, Victor, Iowa, 1; Rev. R. E. Flickinger, Modena, Pa. 1; Religious Contribution Society of Princeton Theo. Seminary, 7 22; Mrs. "J. A. R." Hamilton Square, N. J. 5; Col. E. B. Babbitt, U. S. A. 10; J. W. T. Scott; Wm. Thaw, Esq., Pittsburgh, Pa. 50; Mrs. Newcomb, Davenport, Iowa, 47 75. 163 97

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## BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

While we have no sympathy with those who say: "There is no need to educate more men for the ministry while there are so many ministers unemployed," yet we do say, there are too many ministers for the present number of church-buildings, or to express it better, we have not a sufficient number of church-buildings for the number of ministers, and this is one reason why there are so many ministers not employed in preaching the gospel. Many of these are both able and anxious to preach; but having families to support, they cannot live out of doors, nor without at least a *moderate salary*. Now, where is there a church without a sanctuary that is able to shelter and support a minister? I know of none.

We have somewhere in the neighborhood of five hundred organized churches—hungering for the bread of life, but utterly unable to support pastors, because they have no house of worship—nothing to attract others to join with and strengthen them. And just so long as they are left unsheltered, will they remain weak and discouraged, and, to a large extent, without the regular means of grace through which their spiritual strength is to be kept up and strengthened. You may say to these ministers in and about our eastern cities, who have no pastoral charge: Go out and preach to these destitute flocks in the wilderness; and they will say: Give us a house in which to preach: we will put up with rough fare and scanty living; but give us the means of collecting and building up a self-sustaining church. But without a building into which to invite them to hear the word of God, what can we do? Without a fold to shelter these little flocks, how can we expect them to grow? Give us *a tithe* of the encouragements and means of assistance you give your pastors at home, and with the blessing of God these weaklings shall soon be made strong; these long-neglected dependents shall become self-supporting and able to help others.

The money given from year to year by the Board of Home Missions to keep these unsheltered churches from dying out, if given five years ago to aid them in securing suitable houses of worship, would have made them strong and fruitful before this. But there they are as needy and helpless as they were five years ago, and there they will remain in the same pitiable condition for years to come, if left without shelter.

On the other hand, if assisted to the extent of five or six hundred dollars, many of these churches can by a hard struggle secure a comfortable house of worship; and soon become able to support pastors—thus calling into requisition many of these unemployed ministers, who would be very glad to exchange their honorable title of H. R. for that of Pastor. Would not that be a grand, good thing? Try it, and my word for it, you will not regret the two-fold benefit conferred—to the vacant churches and unemployed ministers.

Our call unheeded—still we cry: "Come over and help us." In the last number of the RECORD we tried to make the giving churches understand that our boat had got aground, and that unless there was a speedy rise of the waters, we should have to stand still and turn a deaf ear to the many poor and deserving churches that are knocking at the door of our exhausted treasury; but those to whom we appealed do not seem to understand us. They do not believe that a Board so generous and prompt in giving can ever lack funds, for hath not the Lord said: "The liberal *soul* shall be made fat?" But they forget that "*the liberal soul*" is the Church, and the Board is only *the hand*, by which their relief is extended to the needy of Christ's flock. The Board can only *give* as they *receive*,

and if they give us nothing, we shall have nothing with which to assist the needy.

Whilst writing the above, a poor German woman came into my office to ask if this was the place where we helped the poor to build churches. I told her it was the very place, whereupon she unfolded a piece of paper, and handed me a gold dollar, and said now that she had found the right place, she would bring some more, as her sisters had some money they wished to give for this purpose.

Reader, to save you the trouble this good woman had to find our office, let me tell you the place is 23 Centre Street, New York, and Jonathan Ogden is the Treasurer; and if you have anything for Foreign Missions or Home Missions, bring it along: this is the place. We all work for the same Master, and are willing to be *your agents*.

### RECEIPTS FOR CHURCH ERECTION IN DECEMBER, 1878.

BALTIMORE.—*New Castle*—Head of Christiana, Sab-sch, "spec." 4. *Washington City*—Lewinsville, 50; Vienna, 1 50.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Binghamton, 1st, 55. *Otsego*—Richfield Springs, Sab-sch, "sp." 6. *Syracuse*—Liverpool, 2 57. *Utica*—Utica, 1st, Sab-sch. 9 33.

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Bethel, 4 20; Cincinnati, College Hill, 9; Cincinnati, Avondale, Sab-sch. "sp." 5; Cincinnati, Lane Sem'y of which per Rev. W. D. Rosseter, \$10, 39 87; Ludlow Grove, Union Sab-sch. "sp." 1; Mason and Pisgah, 1; Somerset, 2 82. *Portsmouth*—Ironton, per Young People's Missionary Society, "sp." 25.

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland, 2d, 100; Cleveland, South, 15 50. *Mahoning*—Brookfield, 3; Vienna, 3. *St. Clairsville*—York, 3. *Steubenville*—East Liverpool, 6.

COLORADO.—*Colorado*—Golden, 2 21; Longmont, sp. 2.

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Amesville, 5; New England, 5. *Marion*—Trenton, 4 50. *Zanesville*—Bladensburg, Sab-sch. "sp." 3. Concord, 5.

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Springdale, Sab-sch "sp." 1 52. *Erie*—East Greene, 2; Mill Village, 3 20; Venango, 2 44. *Shenango*—Neshannock, 16 20.

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Burnt Cabins, 3; Green Hill, 5 20; Harrisburgh, Westminster, 2 61; Lower Path Valley, 7; Waynesboro, 6 07; Wells Valley, 3 02. *Huntingdon*—Altoona, 2d, 18 11; Beulah, 2; Lewistown, 13 88; Milroy, 12 60. *Northumberland*—Beech Creek, 1 50. Williamsport 2d, 6 18. *Wellsboro*—Wellsboro, 6 06; Wellsboro, Sab-sch. 55 cts.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Schuyler*—Bushnell, 3. *Springfield*—Springfield, 1st, 41 07; Springfield, 2d, 25 18.

ILLINOIS NORTH.—*Freeport*—Rockford, 1st, 10. *Rock River*—Fulton, 2; Perryton, 1; Peniel, 5.

ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Alton*—Edwardsville Sab-sch. "sp." 1 50. *Mattoon*—Beckwith Prairie, 3.

INDIANA NORTH.—*Fort Wayne*—Auburn, 2 35. *Logansport*—Plymouth, 47 cts. *Muncie*—Wabash, 2 31.

IOWA SOUTH.—*Iowa*—Burlington, 1st, 9 53; Middletown, 1; Salina, 1; St. Peter's Evangelic, 6.

LONG ISLAND.—*Long Island*—Port Jefferson, 4.

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Detroit, Westminster, 19 11; Holly, 8 50. *Kalamazoo*—Paw Paw, 6. *Lansing*—Delhi, 4 25.

MINNESOTA.—*Winona*—Frank Hill, Ger. 3; Winona, Ger. 2.

MISSOURI.—*St. Louis*—St. Louis, Carondelet, 5; Webster Groves, 20.

NEBRASKA.—*Nebraska City*—Tecumseh, 5.

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Clinton, 2 36; Elizabeth, Westminster, 50; Woodbridge, 20. *Monmouth*—Shamong, 3 72. *Morris and Orange*—Madison, add'l. 5 78. *Newark*—Montclair, 50 42; Newark, 2d, add'l. 26 25; Newark, Central, 31. *New Brunswick*—Frenchtown, 10; Stockton, 3; Trenton, Prospect St. add'l. 26 72. *Newton*—Belvidere, 1st, 7 43. *West Jersey*—Blackwoodtown, "sp." 25.

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Goodwill, 3 42; Ramapo, 16; Scotchtown, 4 03. *New York*—New York, Sea and Land, 2 27; New York, Rutgers, 77 02. *Westchester*—Mahopac Falls, 10; Thompsonville, 1st, 7 56.

PACIFIC.—*Bencia*—Fulton, 1st, 4 85.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—New London, per R. P. D. 3. *Lehigh*—Allentown, 1st, 27 75. Hazelton, 9 34; Jamestown Sab-sch. 15 cts; Summit Hill, 86 cts; Summit Hill Sab-sch. 69 cts. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia, 2d, 45 46. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia, Alexander Ch. sp. 83 50; Philadelphia, Gaston, sp. 5; Philadelphia, North Broad st. 30; Philadelphia, North. Lib's, 1st, 32; Philadelphia, Spring Garden, 2d 71. *Philadelphia North*—Neshaminy, in Warmins'r, 9 37; Norristown, Central, 20 Westminster Centre, 4 50; Pequea, 5 50; Stewarttown 4 50.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Parnassus, 11 34. *Redstone*—Jefferson, 2 50; Mount Pleasant Sab-sch. sp. 3. *Washington*—Cross Creek, Sab sch. (Infant Class) sp. 2; Waynesburgh, 5 30.

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine, 2 17. *Maumee*—Antwerp, 6; Cecil, 1; North Baltimore, 18; Ridgeville, 1.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Westfield 1st, 5 56. *Geesee Valley*—Almond, 6. *Rochester*—Rochester, Memorial, 1.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev. Geo. Robinson, Fort Buford, Dakota Ty., 15; Rev. J. L. Wilson, Hopkinton, Iowa, 1; Religious Contribution Society of Princeton Seminary, N. J., 13; "H. I. I." 5; Rev. W. J. McCord, Wassaic, N. Y. 50 cts,

### SPECIALS FOR SCHOOL FUND.

Mrs. Mary McClintock, Carmichaels, Pa., 20; "Hale," Cincinnati, O. 2; a reader of *Herald and Presbyter*, 15 cts. Amos R. Foote, Raymond, Kan. 1; Rev. J. A. Wight, Bay City, Mich. 2; Walter and Lullie Eliott, Piercetown, Ind. 30 cts. Interest from Permanent Fund, 706 64; On account of sale of land, 75.

Total receipts for Dec. \$3,418 50

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## BOARD OF RELIEF FOR DISABLED MINISTERS.

*"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."*

## AN EVIL THAT OUGHT TO BE AT ONCE REMOVED.

The following letter from a disabled minister deserves the serious attention of the church. After acknowledging the remittance from the Treasury he adds: "Yet you will bear with me when I say that I was disappointed in the amount received. I had supposed it would be the same as last year, and had made my calculations accordingly. It takes three fourths of the amount sent to pay the boarding-bill now due, of myself and wife. This gives me great anxiety in view of the future. My health, and that of my wife requires us to board, and in order to lessen our expenses as much as possible we have for the last year and a half, been boarding in the country four miles from town. This is to us a great trial, for by it we are almost entirely cut off from worship in the house of God, and Christian association. As we have lived in towns and cities previously all our lives, we feel this very keenly; but have to submit to it to save some expense. However, with all this, the amount previously allowed was only sufficient to pay our boarding-bill in the private family of a friend, where we pay less than is usual in the neighborhood. I still suffer from Catarrh, Rheumatism and Dyspepsia, and the health of my wife is extremely delicate, so that neither of us can do anything for our support. It may appear to you somewhat singular, that a minister who has occupied the prominent position that I have, should not have somewhere near him some friend, who would minister liberally to his necessities. But the facts are that there are only three parties to whom we would have any right to look for assistance, and they are all so seriously affected by the financial difficulties so prevalent here, that all of them are now borrowing money to meet their current expenses, and two of them have had to place their property under mortgage. Now, I do not desire you to feel that this is a begging letter. I have never begged except to lead Christian people to honor the Lord, and sinners to come to Christ. My only object in writing this is to give yourself and the Board the special facts in my case, not to lead you to take from others what should be given to them and appropriate it to my use, but to do that which in your view may seem appropriate.

A man who is in the seventy-first year of his age, and the forty-fourth of his ministry as I am, must, if he be thoughtful, expect to put off this clay-tabernacle, and should consequently keep himself in readiness to hear the Master's call; but still, until that time comes, there are certain wants of a secular nature that are required to be met from some source."

This reduction in the amounts is painful, but it is a *stern necessity*, and must continue until willing givers shall seek to learn the luxury of "lending to the Lord." Shall the Relief Board be forced to cut down this pittance lower and lower every year? God forbid. "Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion, how dwelleth the love of God in him? Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed, and in truth."

## RECEIPTS FOR BOARD OF RELIEF IN DECEMBER, 1878.

ALBANY.— <i>Albany</i> —Charlton, 7; West Galway, 6 60. <i>Champlain</i> —Au Sable Forks, 16; Plattsburgh 1st, 15. <i>Columbia</i> —Rev. T. Williston, 1. <i>Troy</i> —Salem, 36. 81 60	MINNESOTA.— <i>Mankato</i> —Mankato 1st, 29 37. <i>Winona</i> —Fremont, 6. 35 37
BALTIMORE.— <i>Baltimore</i> —Knox 2; Govane Chapel 16 58. <i>New Castle</i> —Dover, 8; Princess Anne Manokin, 12. <i>Washington City</i> —Alexander 1st, 5. 43 58	NEBRASKA.— <i>Omaha</i> —Creston, 1 30. 1 30
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Binghamton</i> —Binghamton 1st, 21 99. <i>Otsego</i> —Colchester, 3. <i>St. Lawrence</i> —Morristown, 5 24. <i>Syracuse</i> —Liverpool, 2 73. <i>Utica</i> —Clinton, 45 64. 78 60	NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Clinton 1st, 1 72; Elizabeth, Westminster, 50; Elizabethport, 17 53; Woodbridge, 22. <i>Jersey City</i> —Jersey City, Bergen, 1st, 58 20; Rutherford Park, 12. <i>M. n. mouth</i> —Matawan, 12 29. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —Boonton, 8; Madison, 4 22; Mendham, 1st, 14 65; Orange, 2d, 18; South Orange, 61 10. <i>New rk.</i> —Newark, 2d, 17 75; Newark, Central, 47; Newark South Park, 67 08. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Arnwell, United, 1st, 5; Frenchtown, 10 80; Stockton, 3; Trenton, Prospect Street, 26 26. <i>Newton</i> —Belvidere, 1st, 5 55; Belvidere 2d, 25; Blairtown, 20. <i>West Jersey</i> —Blackwoodtown, 30. 537 15
CINCINNATI.—41 67, per H. W. Hughes, Treas. <i>Chillicothe</i> —Chillicothe 3d, 3. <i>Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati 3d, 30; Cincinnati Central, 67 76; Cincinnati, Lane Seminary, 33 81; Cincinnati, 1st, Ger. 10; College Hill, 15; Somerset 2 65. <i>Portsmouth</i> —Rev. S. C. Kerr and wife, 5; Ripley, 34 30. 243 19	NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Goodwill, 2 50; Ramapo, 14; Scotchtown, 2 99. <i>New York</i> —Mount Wash-ton, 30; New York, Canal Street, 5; New York, Church of the Sea and Land, 1 65; New York, University Place, 567 15; New York Fourth, 19 51. <i>North River</i> —Freedom Plains, 6. <i>Westchester</i> —Mahopac Falls, 10. 653 80
CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Cleveland 2d, 150; South Cleveland, 15 50; Willoughby, 1. <i>Mahoning</i> —North Jackson, 5. <i>St. Clairsville</i> —Coal Brook, 2. 173 50	PACIFIC.— <i>Sacramento</i> —Westminster, 15. 15 60
COLORADO.— <i>Colorado</i> —Del Norte, 5. 5 00	PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Chester</i> —Forks of Brandywine, 12; New London, from "R. P. D." 2; "A. P. D." 2 60; Phoenixville, 2 30. <i>Lehigh</i> —Allentown 1st, 20 15; Easton 1st, 65; Hazleton, 16 52; Mahanoy City, 100, John Phillips, Esq. Summit Hill, 1 13; Jamestown, sab-sch, 11 cts. <i>Philadelphia</i> —Philadelphia, 1st, 184 02; Philadelphia, Calvary, 1; from J. W. P. Smith; Philadelphia, Tabernacle, 5; Philadelphia, W. Spruce St. 50, from G. S. Benson, Esq. <i>Phila. Central</i> —Phila. North Broad St., 50. <i>Philadelphia, North</i> —Bristol, 45; Chestnut Hill, 135, including 6 from Infant class; Neshaminy, Warminster, 20 50; Norristown, Central, 50. <i>Westminster</i> —Bellevue, 12; Centre, 4 50; Columbia, 22 70; Stewartstown, 8 50. 860 03
COLUMBIA.— <i>Oregon</i> —Pleasant Grove, 5. <i>South Oregon</i> —Eugene City 14. 19 00	PITTSBURGH.— <i>Blairsville</i> —Blairsville, 34 11; Parnassus, 25 06. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —Bethany, 18 75; Pittsburgh 2d, 13 64; Pittsburgh, Shady Side, 44 01. <i>Redstone</i> —McKeesport 1st, 18; Uniontown, 65. <i>Washington</i> —Fairview, 11 73; Wheeling 1st, sab-sch, 16 67. <i>West Virginia</i> —Parkersburg, 1st, 5. 251 97
COLUMBUS.— <i>Zanesville</i> —Mt. Vernon, 15 78. 15 78	TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Bellefontaine, 1 58. W. NEW YORK.— <i>Buffalo</i> —Buffalo, Central, 21; Westfield, 27 75. <i>Genesee</i> —Warsaw, 21. <i>Rochester</i> —Dansville, add 1.5; Rochester Memorial, 2; Rochester, Westminster, 4. 80 75
ERIE.— <i>Allegheny</i> —Allegheny 1st, 62 16; Neville Island, 3. <i>Butler</i> —Concord, 8 10; North Butler, 5 96. <i>Erie</i> —Belle Valley, 4 35; Greenville, 1st, 25 25. <i>Kittanning</i> —Gilgal, 2; Jacksonville, 15; Leechburgh, 5. <i>Shenango</i> —Beaver Falls, 25; Pulaski, 5 40. 161 22	WISCONSIN.— <i>Milwaukee</i> —Milwaukee, Immanuel, 63 85; Oostburg, 5; Racine 1st, 11. <i>Winnebago</i> —Rural, 5 53. <i>Wisconsin River</i> —Madison, 22 50. 107 88
GENEVA.— <i>Cuyuga</i> —Scipioville, 2. <i>Chemung</i> —Rock Stream, 4. <i>Geneva</i> —Canandaigua, 1st, 23; Ithaca, 39. 68 00	From the churches.....\$3963 64
HARRISBURGH.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Carlisle 2d, 60 91; Green Hill, 5 20; Harrisburg, Westminster, 6 79; Waynesboro, 4 43. <i>Huntingdon</i> —Altoona 2d, 29 45; Beulah, 2; Duncansville, 14; Hollidaysburg, 17 18, including 4 from sab-sch. <i>Lewistown</i> , 10 13; Milroy, 16 50. <i>Northumberland</i> —Beech Creek, 3; Buffalo, 12; New Columbia, 2 50; Williamsport 2d, 4 77. <i>Wellsboro</i> —Wellsboro, 4 82, including 40 cts. from sab-sch. 193 68	MISCELLANEOUS.
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.— <i>Bloomington</i> —El Paso, 5 50. <i>Peoria</i> —Lewistown, 30 23; Prospect, 16 70. <i>Schuyler</i> —Bushnell, 1. <i>Springfield</i> —Springfield 1st, 37 37. 90 80	Ohio, Niles—"A thank offering," from a friend, 2 00
ILLINOIS, NORTH.— <i>Chicago</i> —Englewood, 20; Homewood, 5; Hyde Park, 23 75; Joliet Central, 18; Rev. E. J. Hill, 5. <i>Freeport</i> —Rockford 1st, 12; Warren 1st, 8 69. <i>Ottawa</i> —Au Sable Grove, 4 77; Waltham, 8. <i>Rock River</i> —Fulton, 1; Perryton, 1. 107 21	Interest on Permanent Fund, 70 00
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.— <i>Alton</i> —Alton, 12 35, including 3 85 from sab-sch. <i>Waveland</i> , 3 25. <i>Cairo</i> —Cairo 1st, 10. 25 60	Interest on Permanent Fund, 180 00
INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Fort Wayne</i> —Ossian, 2 25; Pleasant Grove, 2 60; Larwell, 1. <i>Logansport</i> —Plymouth, 34 cts. <i>Muncie</i> —Wabash, 1 69. 7 88	Per <i>The Presbyterian</i> , from "Mary," 1 00
INDIANA, SOUTH.— <i>Vincennes</i> —Terre Haute 2d, 22 85. 22 85	N. Y., Lansingburg, from Miss Eddy, 5 00
IOWA NORTH.— <i>Cedar Rapids</i> —Rev. J. S. Wilson, 2. <i>Dubuque</i> —Dubuque, German, 8. <i>Waterloo</i> —State Centre, 9 30. 19 30	N. J., Bergen Point, Mrs. N. R. Derby, sp. Rel. Contribution Soc., Princeton Theo. Sem., 10 11
IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Council Bluffs</i> —Brooks, 1. <i>Des Moines</i> —Winterset, 12. <i>Iowa</i> —Burlington 1st, 6 95; Middletown, 72 cts. 20 67	Mich., Plymouth—from M. S. Clayton, 2 00
KANSAS.— <i>Emporia</i> —Arkansas City, 5. <i>Neosho</i> —Fort Scott 1st, 11. 16 00	Minn., Brainard, from "C. J. V.," 1 00
LONG ISLAND.— <i>Long Island</i> —Port Jefferson, 4. 4 00	From Col. E. B. Babbitt, U. S. A., 10 00
MICHIGAN.— <i>Detroit</i> —Detroit, Westminster, 13 95. <i>Grand Rapids</i> —Greenwood, 2. 15 95	286 11
	Total for December..... \$4,249 75
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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

FINANCIAL.—Receipts for December, \$5,047.75, a gain of \$591 as compared with the same month in last year. But of the December receipts of this year, \$1,328.26 were by bequest, showing a deficit, on the part of living donors, of \$737.25.

Receipts for the first nine months of the current year, \$20,360.57, a gain of \$628.78 as compared with the same period in last year. But deducting all bequests from the receipts of each period shows a deficit; on the part of the living, this year, of over \$2,400.—Receipts by bequest are very desirable, but may not be depended on as a regular means of support for our work.

In accordance, as was believed, with the voice of our Church, her work among the Freedmen has been somewhat enlarged. But the above figures do not indicate her readiness to support the enlargement. May we not hope that the receipts of the coming months will be more encouraging? Will not brethren in charge of churches hitherto delinquent throw the responsibility upon their *people* by an intelligent presentation of this work and its wants, with an opportunity to contribute? And will not more individual donors come forward with liberal gifts before the close of the present quarter?

ADDED.—On profession of faith—so far as reported—during the quarter ending December 31st, 1878, in numbers ranging from 5 to 26 to each Church, 177; and in smaller numbers, 54; in all, 231. The number reported for the preceding quarter was, 373; in all for six months, 604.

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### RECEIPTS FOR FREEDMEN IN DECEMBER, 1878.

ALBANY.—Albany — Greenbush, 1st, 9 61;  
Northville, 2; Princeton, 6; Amsterdam, 2d,  
46 11. Champlain—Chateaugay, 5.  
BALTIMORE.—Washington City—Vienna, 50 cts.  
Lewinsville, 1.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Binghamton — Canons-  
ville, 6; Bainbridge, 10; Binghamton, 1st,  
21 99. St. Lawrence—Brasher Falls, 1; Wad-

dington, 6 90; Heuvelton, 3 69. *Syracuse*—Amboy, 5; Onondaga Valley, 6 92.

CINCINNATI—*Chillicothe*—Chillicothe, 3d, 3. *Cincinnati*—Montgomery, 10. *Dayton*—Dayton, 4 1st, 23 25. *Portsmouth*—Red Oak, 5 22; Portsmouth, 1st, 28; Jackson, 1st, 7 78; Manchester, 7.

CLEVELAND—*Cleveland*—Akron, 1st, 3 55. *Mahoning*—Hanover, 3; Brookfield, 4; Vienna, 4; East Palestine, 4 15. *St. Clairsville*—Beallsville, 2; Powhatan, 1. *Steubenville*—Carrollton, 11 78; Beech Spring, by J. H. Black, 20; Bethesda, 10; Corinth, 9; Longs Run, 2 75.

COLORADO.—*Colorado*—Denver, 17th st, 30. COLUMBUS.—*Marion*—Marysville, 5 50; Trenton, 3 03; West Berlin, 2 87. *Wooster*—Savannah, 18 80; Shelby, 1 80; West Salem, 1 50. *Zanesville*—Martinsburg, 13 85.

ERIC.—*Allegheny*—Millvale, 5; Neville Island, 3; Providence, 11 50; Tarentum, 5 44; Sewickly, 60; Glasgow, 2 25. *Butler*—West Sunbury, 10; Scrubgrass, 19; Pleasant Valley, 12 53. *Clarion*—Licking, 2 66; Callensburg, 5 30; Sligo, 7; Leatherwood, 4; New Bethlehem, 4; Perry, 4 25; St. Petersburg, 8; Richland, 3; Perryville, 12; Oak Grove, 2. *Eric*—Girard, 10 66; Franklin, 20; Meadville, 2d, 10; Mercer, 1st, 19 50. *Kittanning*—Leechburg, 9; Elder-ton, 7 09. *Shenango*—Beaver Falls, 15; Mahoningtown, 18.

GENEVA.—*Chemung*—Big Flats, 11. *Geneva*—Seneca Castle, 9; Canoga, 4; Phelps, 18. *Lyons*—Newark, 11 03.

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Gettysburg, 9 60; Harrisburg, Pine st., 114 18; Wells Valley, 3 03; Dickinson, 5; Upper Path Valley, 3; Waynesboro, 3 05. *Huntingdon*—Milroy, 4 44; Mifflintown, 27; Milroy, 8 50; Lewistown, 7. *Northumberland*—Mahoning, 10 59; Williamsport, 2d, 14 80. *Wellsboro*—Beecher Island, 3; Farmington, 2; Mansfield, 6; Wellsboro, 3 06; Wellsboro Sab sch. 27 cts.; Covington, 4.

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Wenona, 2; Lexington, 13. *Peoria*—French Grove, 2. *Schuyler*—New Salem, 2 40; Clayton, 2.

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago, 2d, 112; Manteno, 10. *Freeport*—Warren, 1st, 7 87; Winnebago, 11 35; Rockford, 1st, 12 25. *Ottawa*—Union Grove, 6 65; Aurora, 1st, 2 65; Oswego, 1 85. *Rock River*—Woodhull, 8; Woodhull Sab-sch. 2; Princeton, 7; Paniel, 3 69; Perryton, 1.

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Cairo*—Shawneetown, 15 30; Friendsville, 6.

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Fort Wayne*—La Grange, 7; Albion, 1st, 7. *Logansport*—Plymouth, 23 cts. *Muncie*—Wabash, 1 17.

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Hopewell, 8 35. *New Albany*—Madison, 1st, 9 30. *Vincennes*—Vincennes, 6 75.

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Richland Centre, 2; Mechanicsville, 2 62; Cedar Rapids, 2d, 9 77. *Waterloo*—Rock Creek, 1 80; Salem, 3 80; Toledo, 2; Clarksville, 2 00.

IOWA SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Atlantic, 5 40. *Des Moines*—Chariton, 4 25. *Iowa*—Ev. St. Peter's Ger, 6; New London, 4 02; Burlington, 4 80; Middletown, 49 cents.

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Florence, 3 08. *Larned*—Lyons, 2 82.

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Rev. J. H. Dinsmore, 5.

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Edgewater, 1st, 26 32; Throop Avenue, 27 58. *Long Island*—Middletown, 3 45; Mattituck, 9; Moriches, 13; Setauket, 6 17. *Nassau*—Huntington, 1st, 15 85; Islip, 8.

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Wyandotte, 3 26; Flint, 18; White Lake, 2 40; Springfield, 1 60; Detroit, Westminster, 9 61. *Kalamazoo*—Three Rivers, 6. *Monroe*—St. Petersburg, 2. *Saginaw*—Vassar, 12 93; Saginaw Sab-sch. 1 50.

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Winnebago City, 6; Redwood Falls, 4. *St. Paul*—Stillwater, 1st, 8 76; Minneapolis, Franklin Ave., 17 41; Minneapolis Franklin avenue Sab-sch. 6; Minneapolis, Andrew, 10; Belle Plain, 2 28; Jordon, 101.

MISSOURI.—*Platte*—Union, 2; King City, 1. *St. Louis*—Bethel, 10; Emanuel, 10; Zoar, 5.

NEBRASKA.—*Nebraska City*—Tecumseh, 1. NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Clinton, 1 19. *Monmouth*—Bordentown, 4 63. *Morris and Orange*—Orange, 2d, 35 50; Morristown, South St. 172; Madison, 31 62. *Newark*—Newark, High st. 24; Newark, 1st, 46; Newark, South Park, 49 76. *New Brunswick*—Milford, 9 50; Amwell, 2d, 5 50; Stockton, 2; Alexandria, 1st, 2. *Newton*—Stillwater, 1st, 8; Swartswood, 1; North Hardiston, 15. *West Jersey*—Cedarville, 2d, 1.

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Nyack, 3 64; Unionville, 2; Florida, 12 20; Scotchtown, 84 cts.; Hamptonburgh, 20; Goodwill, 1 73; Scotchtown, 1 22. *New York*—Harlem, 11 77; Sea and Land, 1 14. *North River*—Pleasant Plains, 7 15. *Westchester*—Sing Sing, 25; Southeast Central, 8 30; Yorktown, 13; Yonkers, 1st, 49 85; Mahopac Falls, 6; Rye, 43 68.

PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—Vallejo, 9. PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Frazer, 2; Charlestown, 1 50; New London, from R. P. D., 1. *Lackawanna*—Troy, 13 57; Towanda, 50; Brooklyn, 10. *Lehigh*—Summit Hill, 44 cts.; Summit Hill Sab-sch. 35 cts.; Jamestown Sab-sch. 8 cts. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia, 2d, Ger. 2.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Penn Station, 2 37; Centerville, 2; Armagh, 3 43; Beulah, 27 54; Blairsville, 19 61; Murysville, 5. *Pittsburgh*—Shady Side, 14 01; Pittsburgh, 1st, 135; Pittsburgh, 2d, 13 20; Pittsburgh, 3d, 92 68; Pittsburgh, 7th, 4 51; Birmingham, 8; Canonsburg, 11; Mt. Washington, 10; Mt. Pisgah, 5; Oakdale, 6 32; Pittsburgh, 3d, from "a Friend," 100. *Redstone*—McKeesport, 1st, 15; Mt. Pleasant, 13 38; Tyrone, 9 80; Laurel Hill, 9 50. *Washington*—Burgettstown, 13; Moundsville, 2 24; Upper Buffalo, 20 90. *West Virginia*—Pleasant Grove, 2 50.

TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—Elizabethton, 2. TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Nevada, 1 59; Mar-selles, 4 50; Urbana, 10 60; Bellefontaine, 1 09.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Panama, 3; Buffalo, Central, 15; East Aurora, 10; Silver Creek, 13. *Genesee*—Castile, 11 77; Le Roy, 12 18; Batavia, 35 59. *Rochester*—Rochester Memorial, 3; Chili, 20.

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—La Crosse, North, 3. *Milwaukee*—Milwaukee, Holland, 6 40; Oost-burg, 5. *Wisconsin River*—Reed-burg, 3; Lodi, 5.

MISCELLANEOUS.—"M. W." Poland, O., 20; Ist Ch. Sab-sch. Ottawa, O., 25 70; "C. W." 50; Rev. T. S. William-son, M.D., St. Peter, Minn., 9 40; T. G. Lovell, Emlenton, Pa., 5; Bequest of Mary Cameron, late of Glasgow, Colum-biana Co., Ohio, by John A. Noble, Executor, 1,328 26; "O. E.," through Presbyterian, 1; Rev. D. Witter and Wife, Burton, O., 5; A. Friend of the Poor, Baltimore, Md., 20; Emily M. Rice, Oskaloosa, Iowa, 5; Rev. J. C. Miller, Garnett, Kan., 5; "Vernon," Jennings Co. Ind. 5; Mary C. Riggs, Beaver Falls, Pa., 20; Cash, by F. A. C., Goshen, N. Y., 500; Mrs. Dorcas H. Platt, Kansas City, Mo., 8; Ist Ch. Plymouth, Ohio, 5; Rev. W. A. Scott, San Francisco, Cal., 5; Mrs. N. Choate and Daughter, East Derry, N. H., 75; J. C. Hening, Stillwater, Minn., 2; Col. E. B. Babbett, U. S. Army, 10; "H. J. J.," 5.

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## PASTORAL RELATIONS DISSOLVED.

Rev. W. H. Bates, and church at Waverly, N. Y., Binghamton Pby., Dec. 10, 1878.

Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, and First church, Fond-du-Lac, Wis., Winnebago Pby., Dec. 20th, 1878.

Rev. W. G. Nevin, and Sewickly church, and Rev. Jno. McMillan, D.D., and Mount Pleasant Reunion church, Redstone Pby., Dec. 24th, 1878.

Rev. W. J. Gill, and church at Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 30th, 1878.

Rev. J. C. Thompson, and church at Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 30th, 1878.

## CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. W. J. Gill to Westminster church, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. W. G. Nevin to Dunlap's Creek church, Redstone Pby.

Rev. J. C. Thompson to Southwark First church, Philadelphia.

Rev. J. P. W. Blattenberger to Amwell First church, N. J.

Rev. G. F. Smith to First church, Cedarville, N. J.

Rev. H. P. Collin to church at Coldwater, Mich.

Rev. S. S. Stobbs to Third church, Jersey City, N. J.

Rev. A. F. Lyle to church at Ilion, N. Y.

Rev. C. J. Young to First Reformed church at Long Branch, N. J.

Rev. G. L. Spining to First church of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Rev. D. R. Shoop to church at Hastings, Mich.

Rev. T. R. Smith, D.D. to Westminster church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Rev. J. De H. Bruen to church at Clayton, N. J.

## ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. C. L. Thompson, D.D., was installed pastor of Third church, Pittsburgh, Jan. 5th, 1879.

Rev. A. H. Hager was installed pastor of German church, Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 9th, 1878.

Rev. Wm. Swan was installed pastor at Batavia, N. Y., Jan. 2d, 1879.

## POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES CHANGED.

Rev. Robert Gamble from Bridgeton to Woodbine, York Co., Pa.

Rev. W. H. McGiffert from Niles, Mich., to Pittsfield, Mass.

Rev. A. F. Lyle, from Utica to Ilion, N. Y.

Rev. J. E. Peters, from Cedarville to Bridgeton, N. J.

Rev. J. E. Long from Preble to Akron, N. Y.

Rev. W. R. Stewart, from Ottumwa to La Porte, Iowa.

Rev. W. E. Mack, from N. Philadelphia to Barnesville, Ohio.

Rev. R. D. Smith, from Rutherford Park, N. J., to 226 E. 32d street, N. Y.

Rev. A. G. Daniels, from Lodi, Ohio, to Lyndonville, N. Y.

Rev. R. J. Beattie, from Charlotte, N. Y., to Port Hope, Ontario.

Rev. A. F. Hale, from Springfield, Ill., to South Vallejo, Cal.

Rev. J. H. Baird from Blair, Ills., to Saxton, Pa.

Rev. R. L. Adams, from Le Claire to 7 Belle Ave., Davenport, Iowa.

Rev. Jno. McMillan, D.D., from Mt. Pleasant, Pa., to 1623 Chestnut St., Phila.

Rev. E. S. Heany, from Thompsonville to Strasburg, Pa.

Rev. J. M. Cockins, from Lawrence, Kas., to Xenia, Ohio.

Rev. C. J. Young, from Yaphank, N. Y., to Long Branch, N. J.

Rev. J. S. Beekman, from Lambertville to Princeton, N. J.

Rev. A. Poulson, from Philadelphia to 7 Warren ave., Baltimore, Md.

Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, from Weston, Mo., to Wilson, Kas.

Rev. Samuel Wyckoff, from Portage, Wis., to Lake City, Minn.

Rev. W. H. Bates, from Waverly to Adams, N. Y.

Rev. S. H. Stevenson, from Gardner to Gilman, Ill.

Rev. J. H. Vance, from Erie, Pa., to Charlestown, Ark.

Rev. H. Frankfurth, from Ottumwa, Iowa, to Glenwood, Mo.

## DEATHS.

Rev. S. C. Aiken, D. D., at Cleveland, O., January 1st, 1879, aged 88 years.

Rev. E. R. Beadle, D.D., LL.D., at Philadelphia, January 6th, 1879, in the 67th year of his age.

Rev. Aaron Williams, D.D., at Economy, Pa., Dec. 31st, 1878, in the 72d year of his age.

Rev. R. K. Rodgers, D.D., at Athens, Ga., January 12th, 1879.

Rev. W. R. Sibbett, at Burnsville, W. Va., January 8th, 1879.

Rev. Alfred Newton, D. D., at Norwalk Ohio, Dec. 31st, 1878, aged 75 years.

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